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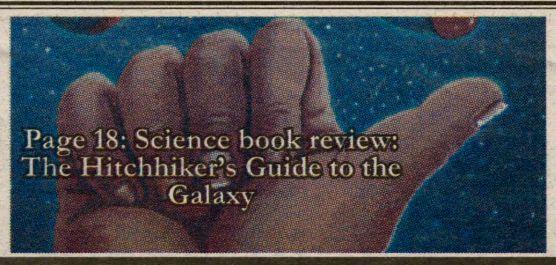

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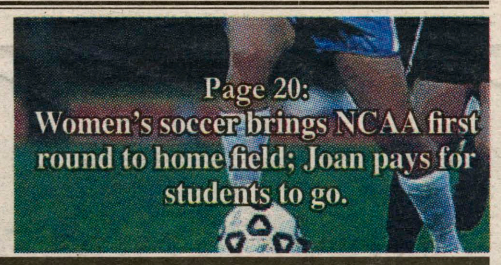

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Hamilton Welcomes Families

by Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

This weekend, the hotels in Clinton and the surrounding areas will be full when Hamilton parents crowd the Hill to spend time with their busy college students. Parents will take a look into the way their children live each week at Hamilton. Classes, dining halls, sporting events, and entertainment will all be open for parents to witness the opportunities available on the Hill.

Parents arriving Friday have the opportunity to sit in on classes. Attending is a great way to see the daily atmosphere of the students' lives.

To the parents who cannot arrive early enough to catch a class with their children, the Parents Advisory Council that organizes many of the events for the upcoming weekend has created Family College. These workshops focus on different subject material from a reading and book-signing with Janette Turner Hospital, author of Orpheus Lost, to a discussion on the 2008 Presidential Campaign by Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier and his American Political Process students. Family College enables

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Campus is ready for families!

PHOTO COURTESY STEPHANIE TAFUR '10

Members of the student-led Social Justice Iniative did not have to yell to have their voices heard during the silent protest at the faculty meeting on November 7, 2007.

Incedents of Intolerance & Assault Incite Strong Response On The Hill

by Martin E. Connor '09
Editor-in-Chief

Over the course of the last month, the Hamilton community has bore witness to multiple incidents of intolerance and aggression, several of which have elicited broad riposte across the community due to their particularly heinous nature.

Near to a month ago, a racial aspersion was written on a student's car. The graffiti comprised a hateful message and a racial slur targeting African American students.

This past weekend, two incidents of aggression and intolerance transpired atop the Hill at the very center of campus. Both incidents occurred early Saturday morning following a party in the Tolles Pavilion. According to an incident notice sent by e-mail to the campus by Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, "a group of Hamilton students was verbally accosted by a group of three to four college-age men who targeted these individuals with aggressive derogatory statements about sexual orientation."

The confrontation resulted in an act of unprovoked physical assault against one of these students, and a similar act of physical aggression against a fellow student who attempted to intervene and allay the situation. The incident was immediately reported to Hamilton Campus Safety, whose quick response prevented further escalation. Campus Safety officers then worked with members of the Kirkland Police Department to ensure the immediate safety of students present at the scene before conducting a preliminary investigation.

Less than an hour later, the occupant of a white Dodge Caravan spit on a student skateboarding on South Campus Drive. The van then stopped at the Martin's Way crosswalk, at which time the four occupants exited the vehicle and proceeded to verbally and physically assault the student. According to another incident notification e-mail from Dean

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Social Justice Initiative Silent

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

For weeks Hamilton students have been tackling issues of racism, sexism, and homophobia on campus and they are asking the faculty to join in the fight. On Tuesday November 7, over 75 students staged a silent demonstration at the faculty meeting. This silence from the students eventually broke the barrier of communication between faculty and students. Halfway through the meeting, faculty acknowledged the students at the meeting as Stephanie Tafur '10 spoke on behalf of the SJI.

According to the Social Justice Initiative Statement, "The Social Justice Initiative is a coalition of students dedicated to creating a positive change in the experience, treatment, and interaction of marginalized groups and individuals on campus and to promote interaction and awareness among all students at Hamilton College."

The SJI asks that Hamilton live up to its stated goals and purposes, that "Above all, students should develop respect for intellectual and cultural diversity because such respect promotes

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6,000 Plus Go Green at PowerShift '07

by Kye Lippold '10
Science & Technology Writer

Last weekend, seventeen Hamilton students went to Washington, D.C. to start a movement. The event: Power Shift 2007, a national meeting of over 6,000 students from all 50 states coming together to stop global warming. Who was there: Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Chair of the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming Ed Markey, green jobs advocate Van Jones, environmental activist Bill McKibben, and over one hundred panelists from over forty organizations. Why it mattered: this was the largest effort to lobby Congress on global warming in history, with around 3,000 students (three from Hamilton) attending a rally on Monday that urged members of Congress to commit to funding green jobs, cutting carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050, and enacting a moratorium on new coal-fired power plants.

The energy at the conference was palpable. Students were ready and willing to push the envelope. When Representative Markey spoke about current climate change legislation, which commits to a modest cap and trade system, students in the packed audience drowned him out with cries of "we want more, we want more! When the event showed

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Students at PowerShift '07 pose in a biodiesel bus demo.

Safety A Shared Responsibility

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Thompson, the student was spit upon, pushed, and subjected to a verbal tirade that "focused on the entitled status of college students and included derogatory references to sexual orientation."

Needless to say, the incidents have spurred widespread concern and diligent response across campus. The Social Justice Initiative (SJI), a student-run organization that seeks to "create a positive change in the experience, treatment, and interaction of marginalized groups and individuals on campus and to promote interaction and awareness among all students at Hamilton College," sponsored a Coffee Hour in response to the racial-intolerance imbued graffiti. Students in attendance called for firm action on the part of the Hamilton administration and community to ensure that such acts are neither tolerated nor allowed to occur in the future.

Many students feel that the instance of racist graffiti was indicative of an underlying problem with the Hamilton community. "I honestly feel that the majority would never dream of treating their fellow student in these ways," said Kristy Colombine '08. "The larger problem is that the response and reaction of the majority has been apathetic."

Students have been quick, however, to make a distinction between the racist graffiti and the acts of assault that occurred this past weekend since many believe that the aggressors in the two most recent incidents were not Hamilton students. "I witnessed some of the events outside the Tolles Pavilion in which Hamilton students were verbally and physically assaulted," said President of the Student Assembly Stuart Lombardi '09. "I had never seen the aggressors at Hamilton before, nor do I believe our students would act in such a manner."

Although no conclusive information has been released due to the pending investigation, suspicions that the aggressors were not Hamilton students are by no means unsubstantiated given the nature of the verbal attack at the crosswalk and the fact that the Dodge Caravan is not registered at Hamilton.

Despite the fact that little information has been disclosed regarding the investigation, Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls said that the investigation is of the highest priority and that Campus Safety officers are working hard with the Kirkland Police Department to resolve the matter.

Although no students were seriously injured, the general concerns raised by these incidents are still pertinent among students and administrators alike, and have resulted in many suggestions for how to ensure both safety and tolerance for members of the Hamilton community.

Given the high likelihood that individuals not associated with Hamilton were responsible for the most recent incident, administrators have suggested such solutions as more diligent screening at large parties. President Joan Hinde Stewart said, "Hamilton is an open campus, but we are considering additional measures (such as more security cameras) to deter acts of aggression and vandalism. We welcome input on this idea."

Speaking to the efforts of the administration, Assistant Dean of Students Phillip Klinkner said, "The administration will do everything they can to make sure that Hamilton students are protected, and if any person, Hamilton student or not, threatens a member of the community, they will do everything possible to make sure that that individual is caught and punished."

Students involved in the SJI have taken a keen interest in strengthening tolerance on the Hill. Among other suggestions, these students have called for integration of tolerance and diversity awareness material into the Hamilton curriculum. These same students have also proposed the formation of a new multicultural center. Members of the administration, including Dean of Students Joseph Urgo, have already expressed their intent to work closely with these students to achieve the objectives they have outlined.

Yet all agree that ensuring safety and tolerance in the Hamilton community is a communal responsibility that falls on the shoulders of each and every member of the community. "I think that the Hamilton community needs to be more active and less apathetic," said Robyn Gibson '10. "The people who do not know about the recent incidents or why some people do not feel comfortable on this campus should challenge themselves to learn more."

"While Hamilton may be a safe haven relative to other places in the world, it is important for us to understand that hateful and damaging actions can happen here too and be perpetrated by people on this hill," said Dean Thompson. "I don't want people to think it can't happen here because we know it can. People have to be alert and have to be cautious. We need to be respectful of one another to ensure the safety of the community we are trying to foster here."

"Overall I think that students need to remember that their personal safety is a shared responsibility," said Ingalls. "They need to be aware of their surroundings and feel comfortable reporting any incidents that may occur, then we can be more proactive."

Hamilton Family Weekend

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parents to see the work of both faculty and students in all of the departments on campus.

Bon Appetit has also prepared for the Family Weekend visitors. Whereas typically McEwen is closed on the weekends, this Saturday McEwen and Commons Dining Hall will both serve brunch from 11 to 2. Students can show their parents their favorite places to eat. Also, Saturday evening, Bon Appetit will host a special prime rib dinner in Commons from 5 to 8. Cost is $10.

As always, student athletes hope to tally wins this weekend for parents in the crowds. Hamilton's football team competes against Bates at noon on Friday, while rugby plays William Paterson University at 11 on Minor Field. Women's soccer hosts the first two rounds of the NCAA's Division III championship tournament this weekend as well.

On an athletic but less competitive note, HAVOC is sponsoring basketball tournaments open to faculty, students, and coaches to play in 5 on 5 games. This fundraiser will raise money for local non-profit organizations.

If all of these activities still are not enough to fill the entire Family Weekend schedule, even more entertainment will be available. The Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers will sing Friday night, along with dance students who will perform a piece titled "Wind Over Wood." Guest artist and choreographer Olivier Wecxsteen will also hold a special performance. On Saturday night the orchestra and jazz concert orchestra will both give a concert.

Campus Activities Board has booked critically acclaimed comedian Megan Mooney to rouse some laughter Saturday night in the Tolles Pavilion. The student Mainstage Theatre Production of "Etta Jenks" will open on Thursday night at 8 p.m. The show can be seen in Minor Theatre on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and a matinee performance on Saturday at 2 p.m. As always, the a cappella groups will tune up their vocal cords for two sessions of concerts, both Friday and Saturday nights.

With only three days and many activities and things to see on campus, families will have a hard time trying to find an opportunity to sit and catch up. For some students, this will be the first time they have seen their parents since school began. Mandy Bowman '10 said, "I'm really excited to see my parents. They are flying all the way from Iowa, and I haven't seen them in a long, long time." She commented that this weekend will be a great chance for her parents to see how she lives at college. A full schedule of events for Parents Weekend can be found on the Hamilton website.

Students Attend Real Food Summit

by Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

This past weekend, Hamilton students joined 175 students from other colleges from over 47 schools at the Real Food Summit at Yale University. The goal of the conference was to address social justice issues relating to the ethics of food, including college farm and farm workers' rights, as well as local and organic fair trade. Students attending the conference were Amelia Conlon '08 and Jane Barnes '09 on behalf of the co-op, and Chris Sullivan '09 and Andrew Pape '10 as representatives of the new Community Garden.

"We were all there to gather information and contacts about our own dinning services, composting, purchasing local food, and community gardens," said Jane Barnes '09. Students learned about farming methods at the Yale Farm and attended workshops with speakers who addressed different aspects of the movement towards a more sustainable way of farming and eating. Conlon said "I learned that it is important to get urban and suburban youth exposed to earth so they can feel a connection between their food and how it is grown."

The conference began on Saturday morning and included panel talks, small group "breakout" sessions, and keynote speeches. Anim Steel, the Director of National Programs, The Food Project and Josh Viertel, the Co-director of Yale Sustainable Food Project gave the Keynote Address. Breakout sessions included topics such as "Getting Real About Real Food: A Framework for Setting and Tracking Purchasing Goals" and "Of coffee pong and banana suits: how to make Fair Trade the most fun, hip, and sexy thing to hit your campus since who knows what."

The conference was organized by The Food Project in Boston, the Brown Sustainable Food Initiative, and the Yale Sustainable Food Project, as well as a planning committee including student leaders at various schools across the northeast. During the weekend students enjoyed eating mainly local, organic food, some of which was grown on Yale farms. Co-op kitchen manager Amelia Colon was inspired by delicious dishes such as butternut squash pizza, vegan black bean soup, and organic apple crisp, organic brownies, and organic muffins. Said Conlon, "I asked the chef of Yale Dining services for a baked lentil and kale recipe to be served at the co-op."

After the conference, Pat Raynard, the general manager of Bon Appetite at Hamilton, met with students that attended the conference to discuss what they learned. "I am proud to have a dining service with leaders as committed to good, clean, fair, food as the students are or should be," said Jane of Bon Appetit. "One major sticking point I took away from the weekend is that we at Hamilton are privileged to have such an accessible dining service and administration, even if most of us take this for granted."

The Conference is part of the "Real Food Challenge in the Northeast," a movement to promote ethics and "real food," or food that "truly nourishes people, communities, and the land," according to their website. At the conference, schools collectively drafted a declaration about the goals of the Real Food initiative, which will be launched next September. Conference attendees hope that their respective schools will see the declaration as an indication that students are interested in making their school foods more sustainable.

Conlon said "the conference provided a chance for us to meet other students at other schools that are facing and working on the same issues of sustainability that we are. It gave us an opportunity to collaborate, brainstorm and network." She added, "Now I am a lot more aware of purchasing power. We should make conscious choices to buy and support locally."

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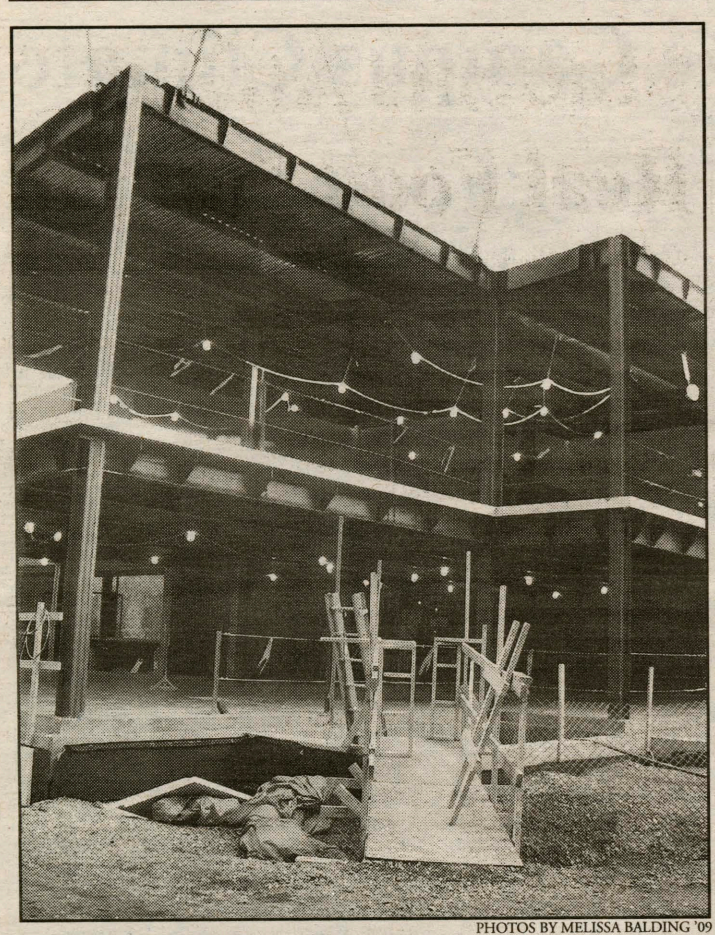
At the Real Food Summit students learned about issues such as sustainable farming and eating locally.



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The new KJ addition continues to progress on-schedule.

KJ Construction: According to Plan

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

Despite the dramatic drop in temperature over the last week, the Kirner-Johnson construction project remains on schedule. During the last week of October, major installations were completed, including the structural steel and decking for the northwest corner of the addition. As the contractor works from south to north, foundation wall and footing installation for the Commons and classroom wing are in progress.

The unseasonably warm weather through late October provided favorable working conditions that allowed the construction process to shift into full gear. After fall break, the crane was relocated to the McEwen courtyard and the contractor has gradually been lifting steel beams onto the roof over the last few weeks. These beams will support the new air handling equipment scheduled to arrive in early December.

By next week, contractors expect to move the crane from the south of KJ to the north of KJ for installation of the remaining steel structure for the new Commons area addition. The majority of the concrete foundation work will be completed by the middle of next week. Installation of the structure in this area, which is expected to take approximately six weeks, should be completed by the first week of December.

Once the structure of the new addition is completed, the contractor will install a temporary enclosure around the entire structure to provide warmth and protection for the workers, and accommodate the construction project through the upcoming winter months. This system will allow contractors to continue to work through the unpredictable winter weather.

Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning Steve Bellona continues to notify the Hamilton community through e-mail with an expected timeline of the construction process, as well as the link to the real-time view of the site via a webcam mounted in McEwen. Those who are interested in further monitoring the construction can visit http://my.hamilton.edu/webcam/kj.html for daily updates.

Overall, despite the minor inconveniences of noise and blocked-off paths to the daily routines of students and faculty, the construction project has run smoothly over the course of the semester. Bellona is pleased with the progress so far, beaming that "We are doing well with the KJ construction project." He appreciates the patience and assistance from the Hamilton community because it has helped make the process more manageable. As the cold and snowy season approaches, Bellona, the contractors, and the Facilities and Planning Committee, hope to continue their diligence and meet deadlines.

"Visit http://my.hamilton.edu/webcam/kj.html for daily updates."

Asian Cultural Society Hosts Diwali Festival in the Annex

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

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Minar Fine Indian Cuisine catered the Diwali Celebration.

On November 8, Hamilton joined the billions of Hindus and Jains across the world in a celebration of Diwali. The Hamilton Asian Cultural Society organized and hosted the Hindu festival of lights in the Tolles Pavilion. Hamilton students sampled Indian food from New Hartford restaurant Minar Fine Indian Cuisine while listening to Bollywood music. Entertainment was provided by student dance groups Panza Bellydance and Tropical Soul.

According to ACS member and event organizer Ranga Kotani '09, the goal of holding a Diwali festival at Hamilton was to "educate the Hamilton population about Hindu and other cultural events on campus." The Hindu festival of Diwali has roots in the great epic Ramayana and symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. During the festival lamps are lit as a sign of celebration and hope for mankind. Although the celebration usually involves fireworks, they were forgone in accordance with New York State law.

ACS members raved about the large turnout of Hamilton students and faculty at the Diwali festival. Kotani was impressed by students who are "involved and interested." He noted, "People came to have a good time, eat some delicious food, and learn about Hindu culture." Abdel Abdelghany '10 added, "It's great to have so many people from different types of cultures and backgrounds enjoying this festival."

Students and faculty braved long lines to sample a variety of Indian dishes from Minar. While diners enjoyed dishes such as Eggplant Bharta, Tanadoori Chicken, and Navratan Korma, Indian student and MC Abhishek Maity '08, told stories about the mythical origins of the Diwali festival. Maity explained that Diwali has different traditions and stories in various parts of South Asia, and that each day of Diwali has its own legend or myth.

Nepalese student Razeena Shrestha '09 said she enjoyed sharing a Hindu tradition with people from different backgrounds while spending time with other South Asian students. She said, "Usually a lot of South Asians don't get to hang out because we are all so busy. It's great to be all together feeling the same emotions. If I were back home I'd be dancing to the same songs with my family." Sushmita Preetha '11, a student from Bangladesh added, "Finally it feels like home."

Student Assembly President and Vice President Elections are quickly approaching!

Election Date: Monday, December 3, 2007

*To be eligible to run, the presidential candidate must attend a minimum of eight (8) full meetings of the Central Council by the end of this semester. Each presidential candidate will run with a vice presidential candidate on the same ticket.**

The president-vice president ticket must:

1. **Write a platform of no more than two hundred (200) words.**
2. **Submit a signature petition with seventy five (75) signatures from members of the student body. Note: Each member of the student body may sign as many petitions as there are available positions. In this case, there is one (1) available position for the president-vice president ticket.***
3. **Attend a mandatory briefing meeting on Monday, November 19 after the 9pm Student Assembly meeting.**

Platforms and signature petitions are due at noon on Monday, November 19. Email platforms to election@hamilton.edu and submit signature petitions to Kara Novak, Elections Chair, Box 1273 through campus mail.

**Constitution: Article VI, Section 2A*

Questions?

Email Kara Novak, Elections Chair (knovak@hamilton.edu), Stuart Lombardi, SA President (slombard@hamilton.edu), or Ryan Messier, SA Vice President (rmessier@hamilton.edu).

-The Elections Committee

SJI Pushes Faculty to Improve Campus Climate

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free and open inquiry, independent thought and mutual understanding" (Course Catalogue 5). "To give meaning to these words and create an immediate change in the campus climate," the SJI believes that "Hamilton must make a stronger commitment to diversity in three areas: structure, institution, and most importantly curriculum."

To introduce the SJI to the faculty as a whole, the SJI requested an opportunity to briefly describe their goals at November's faculty meeting. The statement that the SJI drafted read, "We need your help, Administrators and Professors, to create change. We ask to work with you to accomplish the necessary changes to improve the campus climate." SJI member Corinne Bancroft '10 spoke on behalf of the SJI, commenting, "The professors at Hamilton are so smart and have been here for so long They have better ideas on how to accomplish our goals and we knew we needed to ask them for help."

Bancroft added, "I e-mailed Dean Urgo two weeks before the meeting and asked if a representative from SJI could speak for five minutes to explain our goals." Urgo replied to the e-mail and requested that the SJI submit a written proposal to the Academic Council - the board of faculty that sets the agenda for monthly faculty meetings. Urgo said, "Faculty meetings are run by strict rules and the Academic Council is in charge of making sure rules are followed."

After Urgo read the SJI proposal, he asked SJI leaders to attend an Academic Council meeting to help figure out how to address the faculty. Urgo said, "We told the students that we do not have an established procedure for students to address faculty at the meeting. We directed students to various committees to help them address their goals."

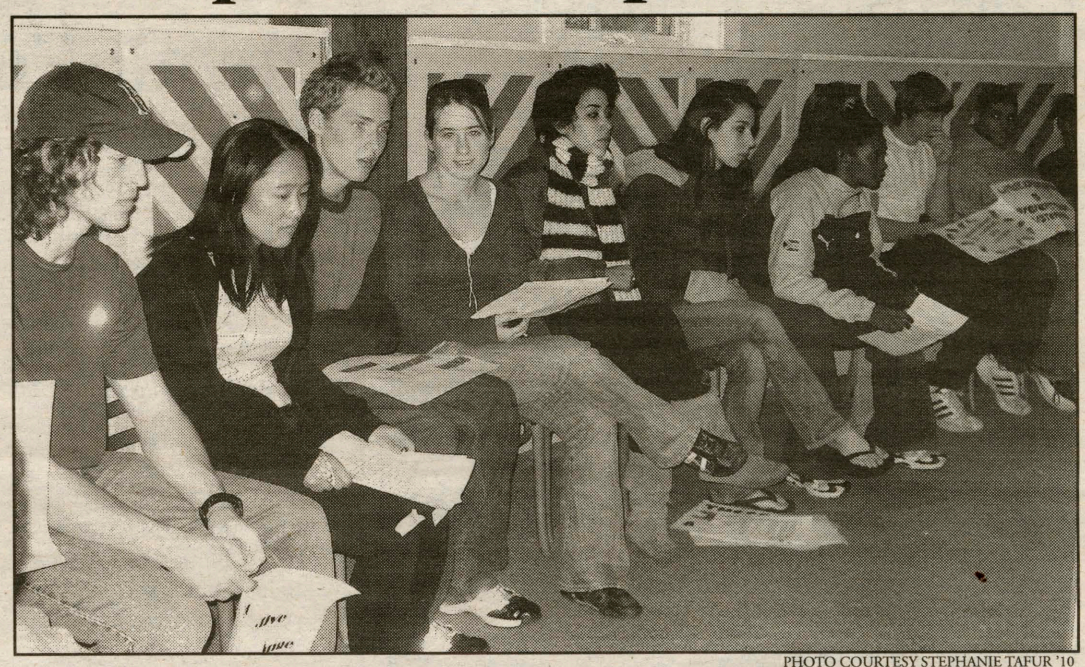
However, Bancroft said, "We didn't have time to write more proposals. There's only so much we can do. We don't know how to achieve our goals, that's why we want to talk to the faculty. We want help."

According to Bancroft, Dean Urgo told the SJI that he would mention their goals during the "Ask Joe" section of the faculty meetings when faculty are invited to ask Dean Urgo questions. She remarked, "Dean Urgo said that we should be present at the meeting, so that when he mentioned the SJI, the members would be visible to the faculty." However, Bancroft said, "We wanted to communicate ourselves. We thought that if we're there, we might as well talk."

Dean Urgo said that although the SJI was not placed on the meeting agenda, "we encouraged students to come to the meeting." He added that "students could raise their hands to be called on to speak." According to Urgo, "There was always the possibility for the students to speak."

However, members of the SJI were intent on securing a more formal way to address the faculty. Because students were discouraged by not being placed on the meeting agenda, they decided to stage a silent demonstration at the faculty meeting. SJI member Andrew Pape '10 explained, "We did not want to be disrespectful, but wanted to show that it is very important for us to voice our goals in front of the faculty."

Hamilton students stood in silence in the entranceways and staircases in Beinecke as faculty filed into the meeting. Students held signs with messages such as "Understanding is different than listening" and "There is a problem." In addition, SJI leaders handed a copy of their goals in written form to every faculty member that entered the Events Barn.



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Dedicated students sat silent for 45 minutes waiting for the opportunity to voice their opinion.

For the first 45 minutes of the meeting, silence was met with silence as faculty did not acknowledge the students that sat on the staircase and upper level of the Events Barn. However, when discussion among faculty turned from debate over appointments to the Board of Seven to questions of curriculum requirements, Professor of Comparative Literature Peter Rabinowitz made the first reference to the "small number of faculty and large number of students present" at the meeting, suggesting, "Maybe we should ask the students what they think."

As faculty meetings are run by Robert's Rules of Order, which dictate who can speak at what times, there was a short debate over whether the Professors had to adjourn from a Committee of the Whole or vote to entertain a student spokesperson. However, Parliamentarian and Professor of Economics James Bradfield noted that Professor of English and Faculty Chair John O'Neill could call on a student to speak.

Stephanie Tafur '10 approached the microphone and explained the main concerns of the SJI in terms of structure, curriculum, and institution at Hamilton to the faculty. The main goals of the SJI are the establishment of a diversity intensive requirement and first year orientation program to encourage increased sensitivity and cultural awareness of students and faculty, as well as a new building to replace the run-down Afro-Latino Center. Tafur said that the SJI would like the "students, professors, and administration to be proactive in addressing issues of racism, sexism, and homophobia at Hamilton."

After Tafur spoke and responded to questions from faculty regarding the goals of the SJI, faculty entered into a discussion about the issues of insensitivity to difference and community fragmentation at Hamilton that Tafur raised.

Associate Professor of English Nathaniel Strout commented that "The fact that students felt they had to come to the meeting to talk to the faculty shows that we are a fragmented community." He added, "We need more student representation on boards and committees."

Professor of Sociology Daniel Chambliss echoed Strout noting the disintegration of Hamilton's strong sense of community. He said that Hamilton needs to figure out its "natural strengths and expand them to the point that they are overwhelming so we can offer them to the world." Chambliss added, "Things will be great if we put our minds together."

Associate Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin thanked the students for the significant amount of time and energy they devoted to coming up with their goals and voicing them. Franklin said that the institution should reciprocate this effort. He noted that while students have "struggled for weeks" in forming a committee for climate reform on campus, the institution is lacking in such a committee. Franklin said, "I encourage the faculty as a body to make their voices heard in calling on the administration for a committee." After Franklin spoke, faculty applauded the students.

When President Stewart addressed the meeting she said, "I want to commend Stephanie on speaking so well to the faculty and I want to commend the students for their powerful and respectful demonstration."

When Professor of Comparative Literature Nancy Rabinowitz asked President Stewart what the administration has done to address climate issues, Stewart replied that discussion by administrators of how to end campus inclusiveness began at the end of the last academic year and has continued in a meeting over the summer and two meetings this year.

When Dean Urgo addressed the faculty he described the steps that the SJI leaders took in requesting to speak at the meeting. He acknowledged leaders of the SJI by name and commended them for their diligence in speaking at the meeting by saying, "90 percent of success in life is showing up." Urgo then revealed his belief in the necessity of a first-year program class at Hamilton and discussed a series of options, commenting that it is "irresponsible to abandon the first year of college" when students are in need of special attention. When Urgo was questioned after the meeting he said that the student's silent protest was "tremendously effective." Urgo said, "I was very pleased that so many students came. It was very clear they would be able to speak."

Andrew Pape '10 described the faculty welcoming Tafur to speak at the faculty meeting as a positive start to discussion on campus. He said ,"Everyone who cares about these issues should go to their professors and ask them to take action." Pape added, "Since students are only at Hamilton for four years the true institution comes from the faculty. Faculty are the heart of Hamilton and can initiate and sustain long term changes." The SJI hopes that this is only the beginning of discussion and action among students and faculty at Hamilton.

Dems & GOP Debate the Issues

by Chris Parmenter '10
News Contributor

The College Democrats and Republicans met in the Chapel on Tuesday night for their first debate in two years. Democrats Will Leubsdorf '10, Kye Lippold '10 and Rachel Horowitz '09 faced Tim Minella '09, Liz Farrington '09, John Molfetas '09 and Colin Forwood '09 on the Republican side. Topics ranged from Iraq and global warming to gay marriage to Iran.

The two parties sparred over Iraq first. The polarization between the two parties was less marked here than in other areas, perhaps reflecting the American public opinion at large. The Republicans argued for the success of this year's "troop surge" under General Petraeus despite mounting casualties. The Democratic response was more tempered; though some called for complete withdrawl, the Democrats seemed to express anger over the war rather than calling for a solution.

Health care was another point of contention. The Democrats argued for a universalized system - thus taking a more liberal stance than the party's current front-runners. Lippold argued that a universal system would reduce administrative costs "from a third…to a half." In response, Forwood said, "But health care is a religious choice. It should not be forced on people." The other Republicans stuck closer to the party mainstream, arguing for the ability of the free market to sort out the current problems and against further regulation.

The two sides were bitterly divided over Iran. "A nuclear armed Iran would not be an acceptable solution," Minella said, arguing for the possibility of limited war against the Islamic Republic. The Democrats questioned the validity of this strategy, noting the military's current obligation and the strength of Iran's military. Unlike earlier in the debate, when the Republicans did not take a strong stance on health care, the GOP maintained that we should not reason with the Iranians, with a strong emphasis on a military solution.

As the debate moved into a discussion of nuclear proliferation, it was cut short for time. To conclude the discussion, the two parties fielded questions from the audience.

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Community Building 101: Back to The Basics

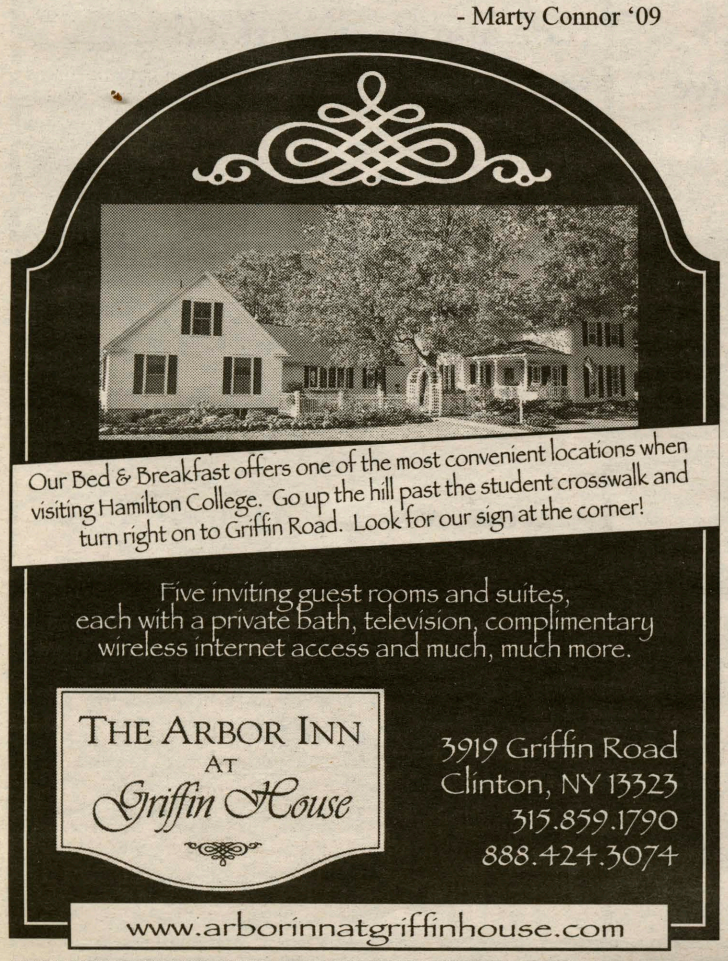
The last few weeks have proved trying times for the Hamilton community. Our home on the Hill has also been home to a number of incidents that have violated the very ideals upon which this institution and community are founded. Whether the physical safety of our community or the human dignity of its members has been breached, one truth holds firm above all others. This is our community. We come here to learn, not just about Mathematics, Art, or Science, but about ourselves, each other, and the world in which this institution is embedded. This is our Hill, and for the four or five years that we call it home, and hopefully for the rest of our lives as well, we should feel an inherent obligation to protect it.

The response that these incidents have elicited on campus is a healthy reaction by the community to a situation that needs to be addressed. Many suggestions have been put forth by both students and administrators for ways to ensure the physical and mental safety of the members of our community. One glance at the front page of this issue should give you a great look at the initiative being taken, so I'll avoid redundancy and instead try to offer a rather different solution, one that has been touched upon but not fully drawn out: the mentality of the individual members of our community.

When dealing with issues like racism, intolerance, and violence, it is easy to feel a bit overwhelmed. When coming face to face with these issues in your daily life, it is easy to feel somewhat powerless. I think we can all agree that feeling powerless is not necessarily unfounded. Tackling important issues within a community requires action on the part of the community as a whole. Yet we must always remember that in order to act as a community we must all take individual action together. Not being a part of the problem does not qualify you as a part of the solution. And so I ask each and every member of the Hamilton community to adopt a new mentality. Be ever attentive, considerate, polite, honest, and always go that extra step to make the people around you a little better off. This may not seem like much, or it may seem too ideal, but try waiting a couple more seconds to hold the door for the person behind you as you enter the Science Center, and next time you pick up the wrong jacket at a Bundy party, don't throw it aside on the walk home, find out who it belongs to a make a difference for that person. This is the fundamental mechanism of any successful and happy community. If you always go out of your way for the people around you, and everyone tries their best to keep this mentality active in their mind, your acts of kindness will be reciprocated. It is proper mentality among individuals that nourishes community, and the more a community is nourished, the less susceptible it will be to attack from intolerance, violence, or apathy.

So whether one's physical safety or the safety of one's human dignity is in question, the solutions are homologous. The responsibility to protect and safeguard these institutions falls upon the shoulders of every single person on this campus. Safety from physical harm, safety from intolerance, and a healthy community are all shared responsibilities, and we are all obliged to share in it.

- Marty Connor '09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Hamilton Hogwash: Human Cloning on the Hill?

Laura Mattison investigates the rumor that a chemistry professor conducted cloning experiments

by Laura Mattison '10
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

I track down the truth behind a few of those crazy campus tall tales, interrogating the authorities and asking around. E-mail me (lmattiso) with your Hamilton fables and I'll investigate!

The Myth

Rumor has it that a visiting professor of Chemistry was in a cult and tried to perform cloning experiments while she was at Hamilton.

The Truth

Brigitte Boisselier came to Hamilton in 2000 for what was supposed to be a 3-year stint as a visiting associate professor of Chemistry. But by May she had resigned, wanting to concentrate on her true passion: human cloning.

Dr. Boisselier is a Raëlian, a group Wikipedia describes as "a UFO religion" that "is secular, hedonistic, and supports human cloning." They believe in a different sort of intelligent design: theirs is secular and asserts that humans are the clones of an alien race and that our destiny is to send out clones of ourselves to barren planets. It's an interesting hypothesis…

Hamilton hired her after she had been teaching for a year at SUNY Plattsburgh in '99. "We brought her here because she has incredible expertise in chemistry of small inorganic molecules," said Professor of Chemistry Timothy Elgren in an interview with Newsday. He helped select Dr. Boisselier as his temporary replacement in the Chemistry Department and believed her to be a fine candidate. In February, the story of human cloning had broken into the mainstream media and Dr. Boisselier arose as a main proponent.

Hamilton maintains there were never any human cloning experiments performed on campus. While the college never took an official position, arguing that Hamilton shouldn't be telling students what to think, they did host a debate on the issue in the Events Barn with somewhere between 300 and 400 attendees. Dr. Boisselier, of course, advocated experimentation with human cloning.

Dr. Boisselier said Hamilton treated her well.

"It was, how should I say it, respect and freedom of speech in action," she told Newsday. While some faculty strongly opposed cloning, she appreciated that the debate remained courteous.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PAT HODGENS '09

The possible result of cloning at Hamilton?

Still, in May she resigned in order to become the CEO of Clonaid, the "scientific" wing of Raëlianism. Their headquarters are in the Bahamas and they supposedly perform human cloning experiments in an undisclosed location.

In December of 2002, Dr. Boisselier announced that Clonaid had brought a cloned human baby into the world. She said a baby girl, Eve, was delivered by Caesarean section and that both mother and child were doing well. However, Dr. Boisselier failed to present scientific evidence that the child existed, let alone that it was a clone. In January of 2003, she announced the birth of another two cloned babies, but again failed to present evidence for the huge publicity stunt. Since then she's stayed out of the media's eye, but certainly not out of the Hamilton rumor mill.

A Brief Guide to the Raëlians

- The movement was founded in France by Claude Vorilhon, a former auto racing journalist.
- They believe humans are clones of an alien race. They also think that it is our destiny to clone ourselves and colonize other planets with those clones.
- They use a swastika in their logo. For them, it is a good luck symbol, not a reference to fascism.
- Looking for more information? Try rael.org

Thumbs up

- Dryer sheets: I have no idea what they are or what their function is, I only know that I need them desperately and will not hesitate to steal them.

- Snow: Finally the cold weather will drive those Bundy kids and dark side weirdoes back to their holes.

- Communists: Thank you for making our lampposts look like superheroes. If your grand revolution amounts to nothing, which it will, at least you have done that.

- EMT Appreciation week: Thank you for not judging me when I blacked out naked in front of Milbank. You guys really are heroes.

Thumbs down

- Tell me to stop using paper cups one more time and we'll see how dangerous they really are… when thrown with deadly accuracy at 90 mph.

- Anyone who decides to have long conversations where I'm walking. *HELLO* I'm *WALKING.*

- Getting harassed by townies: We can't help it that we're rich, beautiful, and talented.

- Family Weekend: Thanks for coming to visit mom, now I have to flush my weed and hide my beer and pills.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

Who Cares

- Steve: You're whining and being the downfall of this duo.

- Sarah: Your faux ghetto attitude and poor work ethic are tearing this team apart.

- Everyone bringing their parents to Minar. Seriously, don't. We want a table.

- Talbots

- Work study at Hamilton: Stop treating us like dirty Jan admits and give us our money.

- Dirty Jan admits

Letters to the Editor

Intolerance on Campus

Dear Editor:

I'm beginning to feel unsafe on this campus. When I first read about the "incident involving racist graffiti," my stomach turned. It stunned me that events like this would happen on our campus during our time here. I think that my own reaction to the episode was interesting in retrospect. I definitely cared and was sympathetic about it – I attended a Social Justice Coffee hour, listened to the "Minority Report" radio show, discussed the harassment in length at a Rainbow Alliance meeting, and often talked with my friends at lunch about how much it appalled me. However, I never actually identified with the victim, as it was a racially motivated incident. Because I am a white female, I felt removed from the issue and for the most part, still safe and untargeted.

I, for one, am tired of reading about each "notice of incident" as we sit back and wait for someone else to solve these problems.

Over the weekend, I read e-mails from Nancy Thompson about two more issues of prejudice. The first one occurred when a man on a skateboard was yelled at in a derogatory way regarding sexual orientation and entitlement. Earlier on the same night, a group of people dancing at the Annex party was harassed and also degraded for sexual orientation. After reading these e-mails, I felt personally threatened. While I am a white female and am mostly sheltered from racial discrimination, I'm also gay.

About a day before Nancy Thompson sent her e-mail about the Annex incident, the Rainbow Alliance Listserv was sent a "blast from the past" e-mail, which contained four anonymous letters that Rainbow Alliance (then called the "Gay and Lesbian Alliance") received back in 1986. The letters were intended to show how far we've progressed in 21 years, and contained hateful language, fear of homosexuals spreading AIDS and disease, and the opinion that being gay was completely unacceptable. One person wrote, "Take your fagit [*sic*] and dykeish selves back to the damn closet and slam the f----ing door shut." While it was intended to juxtapose the outdated attitudes of 1986 and the progressive outlook of today, I found the two times sadly similar. We still have incidents of degradation that threaten people for their minority status, and continue to feel wrath over our differences.

While I don't feel directly threatened for being gay, I definitely sense a lack of support. What's interesting about my initial reaction regarding the racist graffiti is that I adopted an us/them mentality – and because I am white, I didn't feel threatened myself. I think the tendency to set ourselves apart from these hurtful events is a major problem right now. Instead of feeling sympathetic towards the persecuted groups, we should all feel threatened as Hamilton students. These "incidents" impact us on the whole, not as gays or Latinos or Jews or whichever minority group(s) you happen to fall into. We have to start considering these to be direct attacks against Hamilton, and take personal responsibility for making sure things change.

All too often I have seen instances of the "Bystander Effect," which is a phenomenon where people stand back and observe urgent situations instead of intervening. The students who were harassed in the Annex were surrounded by other party-goers. The setting was one of a *full-Annex* party – which is had when there are concerns that the one-side Annex party (which holds 300 people) is too small. Despite being surrounded by a huge number of people, no one offered help to those being intimidated. In the same way that the party-goers ignored the slurs being hurled around, I'm fairly confident that someone knows who vandalized the student's car. We tend to stand back and watch these things happen, because we want someone else to take action. We have to be willing to take action ourselves, and to stand up to these acts of discrimination as they occur. I, for one, am tired of reading about each "notice of incident" as we sit back and wait for someone else to solve these problems.

- Amanda Schoen '09

Theft

Dear Hamilton:

This is a response to Jack Prior's recently published rant about the theft of his laptop computer in the Burke Library.

In his "letter," Jack takes no responsibility whatsoever for an incident that stemmed from his own stupidity. Instead, he went on and on in a sarcastic tone, making negative generalizations about the integrity of the each and every person on this campus. I was left stunned after reading such a load of bullsh** about how the Hamilton College community is to blame for *his* idiocy.

What happened to Jack Prior seems excruciatingly simple to me:

-Jack *walked away* from his laptop in a *public place*, taking no precautions against theft.

-His laptop was stolen.

-He took no responsibility for what happened, and proceeded to blame everyone on campus for not guarding his precious laptop, even though he has no proof that a Hamilton College student or staff member committed the act.

It really blows my mind how someone can take no precaution against theft of something he supposedly values immensely. Seniors in college (yes, Jack is a senior!) should have the common sense to not leave expensive things in plain sight and ripe for the taking. How on earth could any student expect to be ready to go out into society if he or she thought strangers could be trusted with valuables?

Well aware of the possibility of theft in our library, I have on occasion left my computer at the reference desk if I needed to use the restroom. The slight inconvenience of dropping off and picking up my computer is entirely worth avoiding Jack's situation.

I pride myself on the knowledge, integrity, and societal experiences that I gained from my years in high school. However, as soon as I stepped onto this campus, I knew I would have to immediately adapt to a radically new environment, one that involved a sea of strangers and a plethora of possibilities for screwing up.

Thanks to Jack's insight, it has become clear to me that some students on this campus have failed to adapt to the realities of society. Theft is a common occurrence in any community. I would hope that, as smart as we all think we are, we all realize that living on a college campus does not make us immune to any crime. And so I say, *take responsibility and protect yourself!* Do not take our community for granted and then go and blame it for your problems!

- James Beslity '11

Overheard at Hamilton

Person 1: "That powerpoint was good." Person 2: "Yeah, that was, like, Al Gore good."

"Don't be mean to her, she has great hair!"
- Sophomore male

"I'm going to try to hook up with as many underage boys as possible this weekend."
- Junior female

"If you think that's bad, you should see what we *don't* put in."
- *Spectator* contributor

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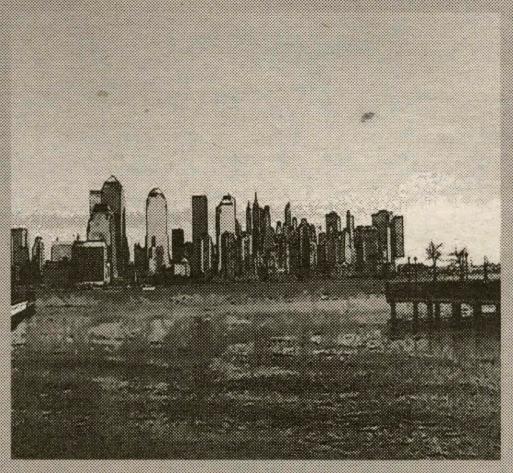

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TU/TD: Crossing the Line or Clearly Kidding?

Horses aside, *The Spectator* crossed the line

In the November 2 issue of *The Spectator*, there were numerous references to *The Continental*. One in particular, however, stood out. Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down included the statement, "The Continental is racist."

The Continental is a student-run magazine dedicated to life at Hamilton. It features articles about events on the Hill, the arts, style, and travel, all of which contribute to the uniqueness of the College community. Admittedly, the magazine does not represent every person at Hamilton, but we contend that no publication on campus is capable of reaching the entire Hamilton community. Although this is ideal, it is not the reality.

The Continental is a new publication, and the false claim perpetrated by *The Spectator* is harmful to the reputation and future of the magazine. It has the power to significantly weaken recruitment efforts, hurt advertisement sales, and diminish the status of the magazine in the eyes of the Hamilton community. In addition, this statement has heightened significance and is even more damaging given the current campus climate and recent hate crimes at Hamilton.

Unlike *The Spectator*, the critiques of the magazine provided by *The Daily Bull* and *The Duel Observer* were actually humorous. As a staff, we have used their witty criticism to constructively evaluate how we can make the magazine better. There is nothing constructive about claiming that "The Continental is racist"; this only serves to create divisions, belittle the hard work of the magazine's staff, and demonstrate a lack of awareness about the campus environment.

The editors of *The Spectator* took these things into consideration when they decided to print "The Continental is racist" in the newspaper. The writers were looking for shock value, and they certainly got what they were after. Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down is inherently a humor column, and this designation provides the newspaper with a degree of protection. They can hide under the umbrella of satire, but they can't escape the fact that their comment was inappropriate and not the least bit humorous.

We welcome feedback about the magazine and encourage the Hamilton community to submit letters to the editor to contmag@hamilton.edu or visit www.contmag.com to learn more about *The Continental.*

by *The Continental*
Editorial Board

Our view: A response from *The Spectator*

As an editor of the Spectator, I must admit to being dismayed and even bit surprised by your letter of objection. I say surprised because I actually felt that the vitriolic attack on Venn diagrams in the feature at hand was the most likely to elicit objection from readers. I suppose my editorial instincts could still use honing!

Now, please allow me to explain my dismay with your letter. First and foremost, in it, you accuse the *Spectator* of making a "false claim" about your publication. There appears to be a misunderstanding. *The Spectator* made no "claims" about *The Continental* whatsoever in our November 2 issue.

We did however publish a joke about the *Continental* in our paper's well-established humor feature. This is a far cry from making a claim, false or otherwise. Quite frankly, a joke in Thumbs Up/Thumps Down no more constitutes a claim by *The Spectator* than a frame from Calvin and Hobbes constitutes a claim by the *New York Times* or than a monologue on the Tonight Show constitutes a claim by NBC.

In your letter, you compare us to two other campus publications. First, allow us to express our regret that you did not find ours "actually humorous." It is an arduous process trying to tickle our target number of funny bones and, to that end, is hypothetically possible that we sometimes fall short. That said, we found the column in question to be quite funny.

Where we did not fall short however, is in evaluating the appropriateness of the column. Our jokes our routinely vetted at multiple levels by decent, intelligent and competent editors for appropriateness, humor and proper gerund usage.

We aren't hiding under the "umbrella of satire" (in fact, let us quite brazenly praise that skillful turn of phrase). Rather, we are quite openly crediting our readers with the ability to discern obvious context and enjoy the humorous commentary of skilled (and ethical) students.

We do not expect that a joke taken from a humor column in another publication will diminish recruitment efforts, advertising sales, and the overall reputation of your magazine (although we are flattered by your estimation of our feature's popularity). Moreover, we certainly do not believe it has had this effect.

by Kevin O'Connor '09
on behalf of *The Spectator* editorial board

by James Head '08 and Matt Linden '08
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Introducing: *The Spectator's* Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

Maxwell Akuamoah-Boateng

Age: 20
Eye Color: Brown
Height:5'11"
Sign: Taurus
Hometown: Syracuse, NY
Major: Biology
On Campus Activities: Soccer, Lacrosse, Brothers, WIAA, ACCEPTED, RA

Interested In: A Lady
What You Are Looking For Now: Dating

Ideal Date:

On Campus: walk through the Root Glen
Off Campus: dinner (her choice) & a movie

Turn Ons: biting lips and a pretty smile
Turn Offs: body odor
Dating Deal Makers: Door test
Dating Deal Breakers: Cheating / Lies...

Favorites

Place to Hangout on Campus: Science Center Atrium
Exercise At The Gym: Whatever keeps me on top of my game
Gift to give: Box of that sweet Ghanaian real cocoa chocolate
Gift to get: Twix and Opus Cookies
Song: "Millionaire" by Musiq Souldchild
Book: *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman
Movie: The Gods Must Be Crazy
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: "Peaches n' Cream" by 112
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: The Notebook
Celeb Crush: Jessica Biel

If I were an animal I would be: A porcupine, because they are innocent till tampered with.

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: Italy, because coach Mike claims I'm a Sicilian.

The best pick-up line I have used: "Hi, I'm Maxwell."

The best pick-up line that has worked on me:
"Someone told me you are gay; is that true?"

Lily Katherine Ericsson

Age: 19
Eye Color: Green
Height:5'3"
Sign: Gemini
Hometown: Bridgewater, NJ
Major: Art History
On Campus Activities: Varsity Crew, Tumbling After, Hamilton Orchestra

Interested In: Men
What You Are Looking For Now: Undecided

Ideal Date:

On Campus: a classy evening at the Pub, followed by a Boston crime movie
Off Campus: any professional sports game followed by dinner at an upscale NYC bar… or just Symeon's. I'm flexible.

Turn Ons: broad shoulders, clean hair, wit, appreciation of 300
Turn Offs: needles, ignorance, arrogance, body odor
Dating Deal Makers: paying for me,pumpkin pie, class, leather chaps
Dating Deal Breakers: getting stood up, anything that involves a back alley, Christmas songs before Thanksgiving

Favorites

Place to Hangout on Campus: Babbitt/South/Bundy/ the circle tables in Commons
Exercise At The Gym: Erg
Gift to give: Bubble machines, preferably ones that work
Gift to get: NY Giants tickets, wooden paddles
Song: "Two Step" by DMB
Book: Anything by Oscar Wilde
Movie: Both Ace Ventura movies
"Guilty Pleasure" Song: Anything by Rihanna
"Guilty Pleasure" Movie: Madagascar
Celeb Crush: Milo Ventimiglia from Heroes, Scarlett Johansson

If I were an animal I would be: A killer whale, because they can do whatever they want and not get in trouble.

If I could go anywhere in the world I would go: Everywhere. Why limit yourself?

The best pick-up line I have used: (insert sound of leather whip here)

The best pick-up line that has worked on me:
Boy: I heard you set off the fire alarm…
Girl: What?!
Boy: You were standing to close to it…

According to the Autumn issue of *The Continental,* most Hamilton students are "'single', hook-up 'zero' times a week and have sex approximately 'never'."

The Spectator is here to do something about that.

Each week the *Spectator* will showcase two of campus' most eligible singles as the *Bachelor and Bachelorette of the Week..*

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- Compiled By Erin Hoener, Managing Editor

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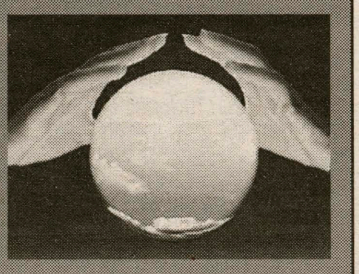
Hamilton Horoscopes

By Steve Allinger '09
Staff Seer



Aries: You can light up a room with your charisma, but you cannot hold your tequila worth a damn. Work on that before you embarrass your parents this weekend.

Taurus: Call your professor all you want, but she did NOT misinterpret the drunken e-mail you sent Saturday night.

Gemini: Your propensity to giggle at everything has upset the balance of Saturn's moons and pissed everyone off.

Cancer: Getting ahead of your workload is not one of your strong points. So lets focus on what you are good at: Napping!

Leo: Don't worry, people will eventually "get" your sense of humor. They just aren't used to seeing dead puppies yet.

Virgo: So you are embarrassed to dance in public; that's what whisky and a mirror are for!

Libra: After observing the movement of Mercury across the night's sky and then double-checking with Facebook, I see that your relationship status is unsatisfactory. Try to hook up with your friend's parent this weekend and see what happens!

Scorpio: Stop feeling guilty about those freshmen. If you didn't roofie them, someone less well-intentioned would have.

Sagittarius: Your RA will challenge your inherent love of freedom. Remember, none but the Moon God may tell you not to start hobo fires in your common room.

Capricorn: Your friends are always trying to coax you out of your self-constructed shell. That is because they want to eat your soft, delicious body.

Aquarius: You are known as the "rebel" of the zodiac, but your crippling attachment to the establishment will make that amount to nothing.

Pisces: So you hooked up with a townie, big deal! He had never hooked up with another dude before.

What's Cookin' in the CoOp: Sweet Flavors of Home!

By Amelia Conlon '08
Features Contributor

Corinne Bancroft is from Arizona and deeply misses the sun and flavors of home. Every now and then she brings a hint of the Southwest to the CoOp when she cooks dinner for us using the spices and smells of this regional cuisine.

Mexican Tofu-Rice Skillet (*Betty Crocker Easy Everyday Vegetarian*)

12 oz. extra-firm tofu, drained
1 cup corn
1 can diced tomatoes with green chilies
6 oz. of rice
1 ¼ cups water
1 cup shredded cheese
1 ½ cups lettuce, shredded
1 large tomato, chopped
4 green onions, sliced
Press tofu between two plates to remove as much water as possible. Cut into ½ inch cubes.

In large skillet mix corn, diced tomatoes with chilies, rice, and water. Gently stir in tofu. Heat water to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and let simmer 12-14 minutes, stirring occasionally, until rice is tender.

Remove skillet from heat. Sprinkle cheese over rice. Cover, let stand for 4-5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and cheese is melted. Top with lettuce, chopped tomato and onions.

Katie G's Mexican Wedding Cookies (modified from: *Mexican, healthy ways with a favorite cuisine*)

1 cup butter, softened
2 cups of dried unsweetened coconut
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 ¾ cups flour
pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat the butter until light and fluffy in a large bowl, add 1 cup of coconut and vanilla.

Gradually add the flour and salt to the creamed mixture until it starts to form a dough. Gently knead the dough.

Divide the dough into 30 equal pieces and them into balls. Space about ¼ inch apart on baking sheet. Press each ball lightly with thumb in order to flatten slightly.

Bake cookies for about 10-15 minutes until they start to brown. Cool on baking sheets for 10 minutes then transfer to wire racks.

"What's Cookin' in the CoOp" os a collection of yummy concoctions from the CoOp kitchen at Wolcott house.

Lotions and Potions: It's All About You, Guys!

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

Over fifty percent of the population is male. That means that 50% of grooming should be male-oriented, right? NOT. Almost everything is female-oriented. Guys, have you ever wondered why girls are always so late to everything or why they have ten million bottles of stuff? It's because we're convinced that you won't like us unless we've been moisturized, shaved, cleansed, buffed, plucked. I mean there are Thanksgiving turkeys that go through less preparation than a girl going on a date. So why don't a lot of guys put at least some effort into their appearances? The little stuff can make a BIG impact and can be the difference between playing Halo alone in your suite or hitting it with the hot girl from North.

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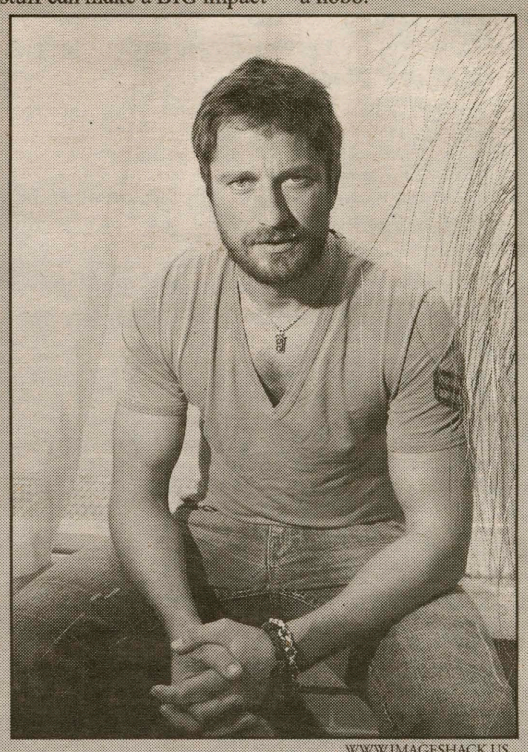
1. Dudes, you need to brush your teeth for at least two minutes. This seems so crazy, but a lot of people, guys and girls, do not brush long enough. Sing a song in your head. It can be Kanye or it can be Avril Lavigne. Just brush those teeth.

2. Please clip your toenails and fingernails. Nobody wants to end up all scratched. Then the girl or guy has to answer all these questions like "Ohmigod what happened to you? Did you fall into a cactus? Did you get attacked by a rabid raccoon? Did you finally take down that skank who's been hooking up with your boyfriend?"

3. AXE IS SO FREAKING GROSS!! I'm sorry, but you're better off rubbing your body down with scented dryer sheets or maybe Febreze than using Axe.

4. Change your towel, change your sheets, and do some freaking laundry. Even if you shower like five times a day, if you don't do these things, you're going to smell like a hobo.



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Things you might be worried about but you shouldn't be:

1. Body hair: Seriously, not a bad thing. I'm sorry but guys with no hair on their bodies kinda scare the bejeezus out of me. They look newly hatched or something.

2. Long hair: No you don't need a haircut. I mean, shave your neck if you feel REALLY scruffy, but otherwise go with it. The exception to this is when the hair gets stringy, like linguine.

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Hamilton Students Hold Teleconference With Russian Political Science Students in Moscow

By Rebekah Mintzer '09
Features Editor

Last Friday, students in Professor Sharon Rivera's class, Government 213: Politics in Russia participated in a teleconference with Russian students from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Hamiltonians and Institute students discussed with one another a number of issues that influence the political climate in Russia and the United States. The conversation was lively and ranged from the issues of Putin's regime to Russia's use of oil resources and even how voter apathy affects politics.

The conference was coordinated through Alyona Blokhina, a Russian student from the Institute, who came to the U.S. this past summer to do research with Professor Rivera.

"The main idea is that this is not a competition- it is a contact between young people who will define the future someday," said the Russian professor in charge of the teleconference, Gennady Gladkov, a professor of politics at the Institute. "The earlier they start to see and understand each other, the better the future will be. This is just a meeting of friendly and well-meaning young people."

Impressively enough, the group of Russian students conducted the entirety of the teleconference in English. They first described their educational backgrounds and future career goals. Many said that they would like to be diplomats in the future, so they are majoring in political science and learning to speak multiple foreign languages. The Russian students then fielded questions from members of Professor Rivera's class.

To a question regarding corruption in Russia and how this has affected citizen participation in the political process, one Russian student answered, "After the fall of the Soviet Union, corruption in our country has increased, but we can cope with that."

Another added, "A lot of candidates have a lot of money, and they will be elected, but it doesn't mean we should not participate in the political process. Money is not the solution to our problems."

One Russian student, Olga, posed a question about the standpoint of the U.S. on Kosovo, which Andy Steele '10, a student in Rivera's class, was glad to answer.

"A program such as this conforms to the model learning environment that Hamilton stands for and offers students personal interaction with elements of life previously inconceivable," said Steele. "To be able to communicate with students in Moscow, to ask our own questions, and take an active part in the process brings to life the study of politics. It was an indispensable experience. I am very grateful to Professor Rivera for arranging the whole affair."

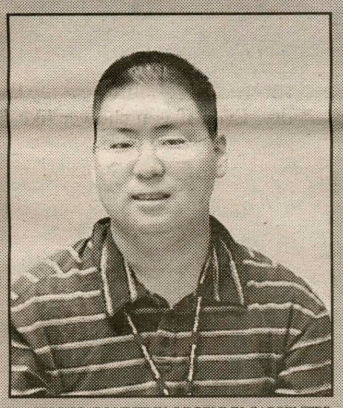
The class benefited from the experience, not only because they could see and speak directly with real Russian students, but because they have extensively discussed current Russian politics in class.

"Parliamentary elections will be held in Russia this December, and presidential elections are slated for next spring," said Professor Rivera. "We have talked a lot about changes in the electoral system that have strengthened the pro-presidential party, Unified Russia; the various possibilities for 2008- when Putin is scheduled to leave his presidential post; and the reasons for 70-80 percent approval ratings that Putin continues to enjoy in Russia. The students discussed all of these issues with their Russian counterparts."

Many of the students in Rivera's 213 class also participate in the SHINE program, where they teach English to Russian immigrants, so this was a great opportunity for them to get another viewpoint on Russia and its policy.

From Where I Sit: Coming from South Korea

by InJun Lyo '11
Features Contributor



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InJun is an international student from South Korea.

In the 1950s after the Korean War was over, South Korea became a democratic nation, though it was still recovering from economic hardships. My grandmother and her five children lived in Seoul, Korea and suffered from postwar poverty. After a long struggle in South Korea, my grandmother and my first aunt came to the United States in the 1960s in order to gain economic stability and achieve the American dream.

Economic hardships motivated my grandmother and my first aunt to think about immigrating to the United States. South Koreans were confronting financial losses due the absence of steady employment. The country was recovering from bankrupt businesses and banks and destroyed buildings and houses. There were insufficient resources such as food, water and shelter for people to rebuild their lives. My grandmother strongly encouraged my first aunt to come to the United States because she wanted her to have the best opportunities possible. At the age of 19, my first aunt sought better employment opportunities in the United States.

In 1967, my aunt was the first person in her family to immigrate to the foreign place, the United States. Her first job was working at a gas station in Staten Island, New York near the Staten Island Ferry Boat. My aunt was working in a very dangerous area. She still remembers facing horrible experiences while working at the gas station. Many times, she was robbed at gunpoint by burglars, while she was putting gas in their cars. Another difficulty she faced was living alone in a foreign place where she barely spoke the English language. Despite these difficulties, my aunt was strong and determined to continue to live in the United States and work in the gas station to earn a living because she wanted to achieve the American dream.

My grandmother was living in Seoul, Korea at that time and was very worried about my aunt. According to my grandmother, my first aunt called her almost everyday from the United States to Seoul because my aunt was very lonely. One year later, my grandmother came to Staten Island to be with my aunt and support her. That year, my aunt quit her job at the gas station and started her own business with my grandmother to gain more financial freedom. They opened a deli store and made $1,500 in profit almost every month. They both said: "the United States is not like Seoul, Korea, where you do not know when your next meal will be served. If you work hard in the United States, you do not need to worry about where your next meal will come from."

After the Civil Rights Movement, the 1965 Immigration Act made it possible for my aunt, my grandmother and other immigrants from all across the world to come to the United States. It was not easy for one's family to immigrate until after the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act was passed, which supported unlimited family reunification visas. To gain citizenship at that time, a person was required to be a resident of the United Sates for at least five years. Since my grandmother had been living in the United States since 1967, she qualified to receive her citizenship in 1976. There was a law called "Family Reunification" that allowed new American citizens and permanent resident card holders to sponsor other family members to come to the United States. She was able to sponsor both my uncle and my second aunt's family during the 1980s and later my family in 1997. Most of all, the 1965 Immigration Act was the first step that gave my first aunt, second aunt, uncle, grandmother and my family the opportunity to come to the United States. Without it, it would have been impossible for us to come to the United States. According to "The 1965 Immigration Act Asian Notion: The Landscape of Asian Americans,"more than 7,331,500 Asians immigrated to the United States from 1971 to 2002. Koreans have been the fifth largest immigrant population. More than 839,600 Koreans came to the United States during this thirty-year period. Philippians are the highest of all in the Asian groups. More than 1,508,100 Philippians came here. Chinese is the second highest. More than 1,179,300 Chinese came here. Asian immigrants came to the United States with one thing in common, to live the American dream.

Finally, my family came for the same reasons as my aunt and grandmother came to the United States, which was for financial reasons. My father opened a small deli in 2002 and makes a small income for our family. I am the first male in my family to enter college in the United States. My sister is the first female to graduate from a university in my family. Still to this day, I am very thankful to my grandmother, who gave my family a chance to come to the United States. Now, at the age of 90, my grandmother lives in Sea View nursing home in Staten Island near her family. My whole family, uncle, and second aunt live in Staten Island and they all often come to visit my grandmother at the nursing home, except my first aunt. She cannot visit my grandmother as often because she now lives in Chicago. My uncle, my second aunt, and first aunt are not very close to my family or to each other because they are all busy with their businesses. My uncle runs a salad bar in New York and works seven days a week. My first aunt runs a dry cleaner in Chicago and works seven days a week as well. My second aunt runs a clothing store in Staten Island that is open 365 days a year. My father works seven days a week.

I do feel that my aunts and uncle have gained economic stability in the United States, but there has been a loss in the strength of the family bond. They have achieved the American dream, but what is important for immigrant families in America now? Is it the family bond or financial stability?

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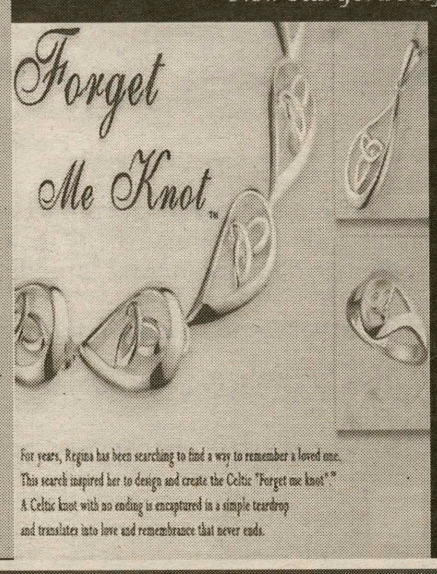
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Weekly Charts

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Angels & Airwaves - I-Empire
2. Blackout-Britney Spears
3. Exclusive-Chris Brown
4. Carnival Ride-Carrie Underwood
5. Big Change: Songs for FINCA -Various Artists

Top Songs
1. Kiss Kiss - Chris Brown
2. Apologize - Timbaland
3. Bubbly - Colbie Caillat
4. No One - Alicia Keys
5. Crank That - Soulja Boy

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. American Gangster
2. Bee Movie
3. Saw IV
4. Dan in Real Life
5. The Game Plan
6. 30 Days of Night
7. Martian Child
8. Michael Clayton
9. Tyeler Perry's Why Did I Get Married
10. Gone Baby Gone

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel García Márquez
2. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
3. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
4. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
5. THE THIRTEENTH TALE by Diane Setterfield

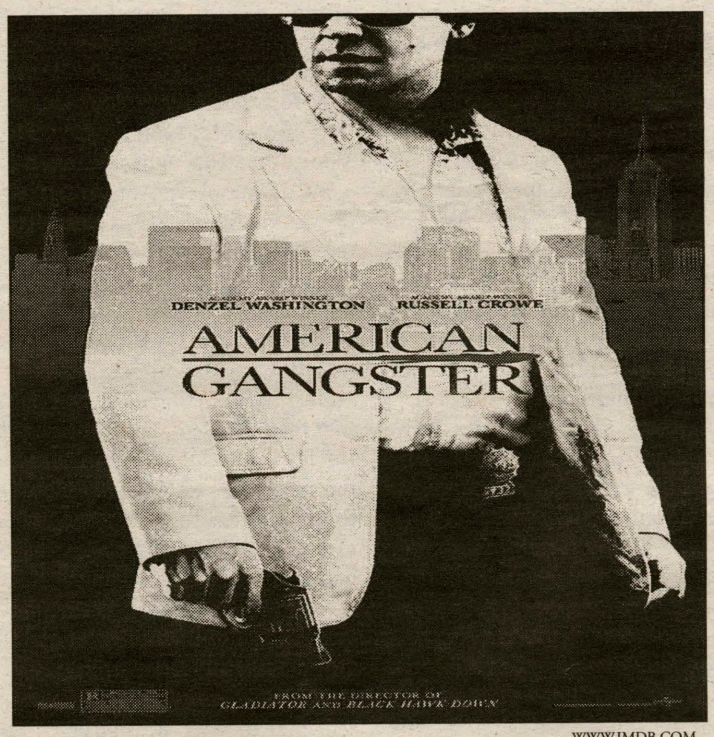
Paperback Non-Fiction
1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. INTO THE WILD, by Jon Krakauer
3. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
4. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
5. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls

Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe Face Off in *American Gangster*

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Arts and Entertainment Editor

American Gangster proves it will be a violent, thrilling tale in the opening minutes of the movie when a man is lit on fire before being shot to death. The movie shows over two and a half hours of a bitter rivalry. Based on a true story, the film takes the viewer into the world of real-life heroin dealer Frank Lucas and the men who worked to take down his drug smuggling ring.

Denzel Washington stars as Frank Lucas, a Harlem drug kingpin who smuggles drugs into America by hiding heroin in the coffins of deceased Americans that died in the Vietnam War. Russell Crowe plays Ritchie Roberts, the detective that works to take Lucas down, as he slowly uses his cunning to rise in the world of drugs. Unfortunately for Roberts, Lucas and his men are out to discover Roberts identity and take him down.



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American Gangster **delivers non-stop action.**

The film, directed by Ridley Scott, tries to ally the viewer to each characters side equally. It's hard to choose who you want to triumph in the inevitable final showdown. The movie is filled with shootings, drugs and cruelty as both men will do anything to save themselves and bring down the other.

The film features plenty of action and the character development to back them up and create a compelling movie. Washington and Crowe deliver Oscar-worthy performances and leave you enthralled until the last minute. *American Gangster* is rated R and is in theaters now.

Backstreet's Back, Alright!: Boy Band Returns with New CD

by Jackie Schuck '10
Arts And Entertainment Writer

Oh my, they're back again! That's right everyone, the Backstreet Boys released their sixth U.S. album, titled *Unbreakable*, last Tuesday, October 30 and yes, I purchased it. But don't judge me yet – at least I didn't wait in the media section of the local twenty-four hour WalMart at midnight awaiting the release. Oh wait – of course I did!

Yes, I, a solid BSB fan for ten years now, left for the Mart Monday night and returned with my brand new BSB CD early Tuesday morning. I then proceeded to listen to the entire album into the wee hours of the morning and managed to sleep through my first class of the day. Hmm, what am I going to call my airline? That's right, Lose-Air.

However, it could have been worse – I could have been at the Mart at midnight and spent the $13.92 on the new Britney Spears album. The new Backstret Boys album is very different from thei previous albums, a key reason being that there are only four Backstreet Boys left. Kevin Richardson decided to leave the group in 2006 to pursue other interests – namely baby-making. I mean, what else could the eldest member of the Backstreet Boys, at age 36, possibly do and expect to be successful? Upon Kevin's departure, I tried to figure out who would take his place as the bass harmonizer. This task was like discussing which chipmunk – Alvin, Simon, or Theodore – can sing in the lower ranges. I decided not to waste any intelligent thought on it and gave up.

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The Backstreet Boys return with brand new songs

Though the group is missing one member, the four remaining Boys still managed to make this album classic Backstreet. It features terrible grammar, incessant rhyming of words that do not actually rhyme, and of course catchy lyrics that make no sense whatsoever. And, this time around, the Boys wanted to appeal to a broader audience, so each of the 14 tracks on the album focuses on the different phases of romantic relationships.

Are you about to break-up, going through a break-up, or finally broken up? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, there is at least one song for you. Are you so in love that it hurts? Yes, there's a song for you. Single and loving it? There's a song for you. Single and hating it? There's a song for you. How about unrequited love? Oh, there's half the album for you. The only thing missing is a song involving random hook-ups and those awkward mornings after – maybe next time around, Boys. So really, dear friends, there is no reason why you shouldn't be running to the Mart to get this Backstreet gem – unless, of course, you like random hook-ups or enjoy good music.

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Jazz Combo Performs at Cafe Florentine

by Alex Ossola '10
Arts And Entertainment Writer

Last Friday night, Hamilton's very own Jazz Combo played at a packed-to-the-brim Café Florentine. The combo was led by Katie Berlent '08 on sax, with Wesley Hughes '11 also on sax, Jared Schneider '11 on sax and guitar, Jason Oberholtzer '08 on keyboard, Charlie Francis on bass, and Joey Campanella '08 on drums.

Allow me to preface this review by saying that I don't know a whole lot about jazz. I have tried to educate myself with some CDs from Monk Rowe, but there's no way I can tell you if every musician hit every note (I mean, lots of it is improvised…) and whatnot. To me, at least, the music sounded great and the variation on the themes was almost always immaculate.

However, I can tell you about the interaction of the music with the café atmosphere and how the audience liked the group. And, I can say pretty definitely that this audience had a great time.

The classical, Romanesque design of Café Florentine contrasted well with the fast-paced, free-flowing Jazz. The audience members enjoyed a nice cup of coffee while bobbing their heads along with the beat. The only way that this performance detracted from the café atmosphere was that it was so loud that you really could not have a conversation, which is what a lot of people go to cafés to do. Some women in the back tried to talk over the band, but even they eventually gave in .

Yet overall, it was well worth it for the entertainment and enjoyment that comes from that fast, "funky" Jazz, as Miss Berlent called it at one point in the evening. Congratulations to the players for a wonderful, enjoyable concert and we all hope you will have more gigs

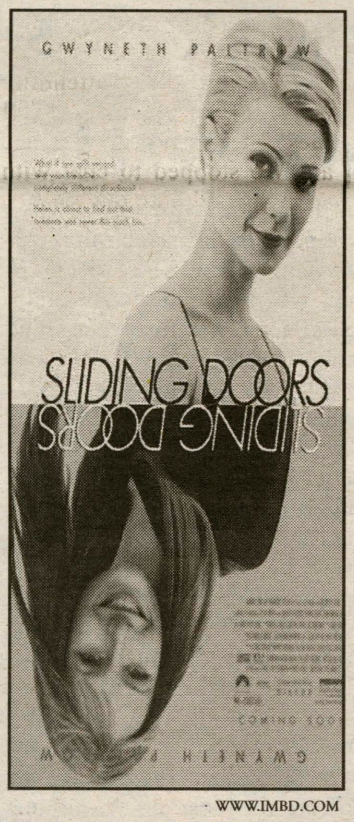
Movie Review: Sliding Doors

by Jennifer Mitchell '09
Arts and Entertainment Writer

This week's "New to You" movie is the romantic comedy "Sliding Doors." This 1998 film, offers all the satisfaction of a boy meets girl plot thrown in with a theme of chance versus destiny.

Gwyneth Paltrow stars as Helen, a woman whose life can go in two different directions depending on whether she catches a morning train back to her apartment. John Lynch stars as Gerry, the novelist who can't seem to finish his first novel. Also playing opposite is John Hannah as James, the businessman who is obsessed with Monty Python. Helen alternates between two separate paths of her life, one in which she continues with Gerry, and the other in which she begins with James. Then the movie progresses as the two plots parallel, overlap, and finally unite in the dramatic conclusion.

I think the real question a viewer going into this movie should ask is "Can a movie with two stories occurring simultaneously work?" The answer is yes. As the hit "Love Actually" proved in 2003, multiple plots can be intersect as long as it is done intelligently. The directors of "Sliding Doors" used the



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indicator of Helen's hair to cue the audience as to which version of Helen they're viewing. The compare-and-contrast effect that the two plot structure creates is what distinguishes Sliding Doors from every other romantic comedy on the rental store shelves. Its dual appeal as both a love story and presenting an interesting "what if" scenario make it a great choice for a wider audience.

I would recommend this movie for the performances given by the unusual love triangle. Paltrow's Helen is very likeable and believable, transiting smoothly between her two selves effortlessly. Lynch walks the thin line his character creates very well, being both a cheat and a confused puppy, charming enough to hold Helen's heart. Hannah's James is hysterical and winning, bringing laughter back to Helen's broken life and helping her rebuild. I would also mark the conclusion of "Sliding Doors" as a strong point, completing the movie with an interesting message about fate and timing. Finally, I would suggest this movie as a fantastic way to learn British lingo. Next time your friend or roommate is being obnoxious, don't settle for calling them a jerk. Rent Sliding Doors and incorporate "wanker," "tosser," "mug," and "bollocks" into your vocabulary.

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Playlist: *Twangified Folk Favorites*

We thought with all the campus stress underfoot everyone could use a little lesson in takin' it easy. So here's our therapeutic twangified folk favorites.

Artfully compiled by Melissa Balding '09, Dan Cymbal '08 Heather Finney '09 and of course Lauren Moon '09,

Johnny Cash - "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
Although Johnny Cash is "sometimes up sometimes down" (mainly down these days), this song is always up. Cash can be more than a ring of fire and we hope you find comfort in this older well-worn tune.

Old Crow Medicine Show- "Wagon Wheel"
Play guitar? Wanna get laid?
A E F#m D
You'll thank us later.

The Band – "Up On Cripple Creek"
Aside from inadvertently getting stuck in my head before every econ stats exam, I feel that by the time I leave the test, I'm still up the creek but at least I'm not singing alone.

Donovan – "Catch the Wind"
Take it as it is and enjoy its friendly nature: a soft, sweet song that helps to lighten the darker fall days. Also it's in a wind energy commercial. How fitting.

The Gourds – "Gin and Juice"
Even our favorite playlist genre can lend itself to a stellar bluegrass remix, and this Snoop Dogg covor helps prove that. Hang out with your twang out.

The Allman Brothers Band – "Midnight Rider"
"But I'm not gonna let 'em catch me, no
Not gonna let them catch the midnight rider."
Got that, Campus Safety? Now leave me alone.

The Beatles – "Rocky Raccoon"
In the end a bible saved Rocky Raccoon. Take Note: y'all need gettin' some religion.

Harry McClintock – "Big Rock Candy Mountain"
A song that's twangy enough to open the movie "O Brother Where Art Thou" with lyrics far fetched enough to match the plot:
"On the birds and the bees and the cigarette trees…
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains all the cops have wooden legs
(Campus Safety…humph!)…
There's a lake of stew and of whiskey too
You can paddle all around 'em in a big canoe…
I'm a goin to stay where you sleep all day
Where they hung the jerk that invented work
In the Big Rock Candy Mountains"

Brett Dennen – "Darlin' Do Not Fear"
Not quite traditional, but you know we always give shout outs to artists that come to play at Hamilton; let's just call the genre "twangy-mod."

Bob Dylan – "Tambourine Man"
This epic poetic journey in folk form puts Bob Dylan at a commodity in twangification. His voice will match the cowboy on the frontier while his lyrics will make you "ready to go anywhere…"

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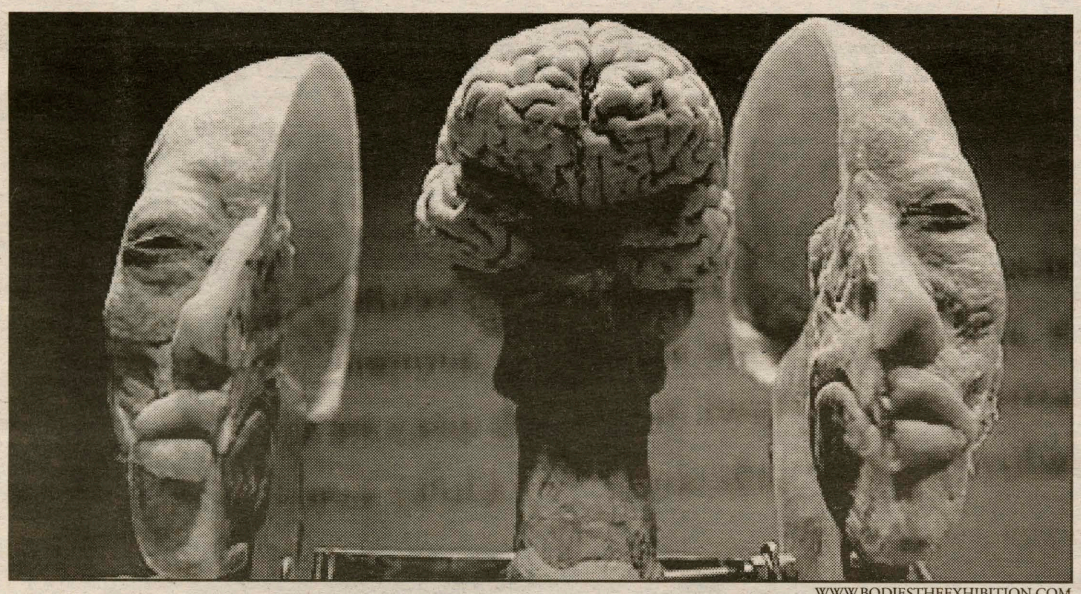
Looking at Bodies in NYC



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There were no split minds about it; BioMatters's trip to New York City was a success.

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

On Sunday, November 4 at 5:00 a.m., over 45 Hamilton students set out for New York City on a deluxe coach bus. The mood was distinctly upbeat and cheerful; after over a year of planning, these students were on their way to see "Bodies... the Exhibiton," a premier exhibit of posed cadavers in the New York City financial district. The group returned some eighteen hours later, exhausted but exhilirated.

"Bodies... the Exhibition" has been showing in the city that never sleeps for over two years, but most of the students on the trip were seeing it for the first time. Ngoda Manongi '09, President of BioMatters, the group that planned the trip, said the trip was, "amazing. I couldn't believe this one body. They'd taken out the whole circulatory system of a body and got rid of all the blood. I couldn't help thinking of how long that must have taken."

In addition to taking a tour of the exhibition, students explored the city. "Bodies... the Exhibition" is located just blocks from Ground Zero and Wall St., as well as the grave of Alexander Hamilton, which several students reported visiting. Other students went shopping, and Manongi took in a matinee performance of "A Chorus Line" on Broadway.

Inside the exhibit, students applied knowledge from their classes on the Hill. "Everything in the exhibit reminded me of something from my class [Vertebrate Anatomy]," exclaimed Sarah Bertino '09. It comes as no surprise that students enjoyed the trip; the cost was a mere twenty dollars, including lunch provided by Bon Appetit.

Funding for the trip came from a variety of sources, and the collaborative effort was on one of the grandest scales in Hamilton's history. All told, Student Assembly, Student Activities, the Office of the Dean of Faculty, and the Biology Department all contributed funds.

Hamiltonians Connect At PowerShift 2007

by Laura Wright '10
Science & Technology Writer

Friday, November 2. Nine o'clock. We arrived at the University of Maryland, creeping along the winding roads as throngs of students converged upon the campus. PowerShift signs were emblazoned upon building after building. A biodiesel school bus was parked on the lawn. Some students were hackey sacking on the grass; others passed out flyers. Yellow tee shirts scintillated among the seething crowds before the Student Union; upon closer inspection, I saw they were bedecked with the image of students pushing up a wind turbine.... a twist on the image of soldiers hoisting the Stars and Stripes at Iwo Jima.

After registration, outfitted with Clif Bars, canvas totes and shirts of our own, we set out to take on the climate challenge. We were seventeen strong, only a small cluster among the 6000 students attending the conference. You could feel the excitement of change in the air. We stopped to chat with strangers, finding out whence they had made their pilgrimage. I met several kids from Oregon, Texas, North Carolina, Maine, California, and Florida. Students had made the journey from all over the nation in biofuel school buses, painted vans, stickered cars, coaches, planes, trains and college vans to come to this mecca of the environmental movement. The conference over the weekend was unique and the largest summit ever to address the climate crisis, and everybody was feeding off the energy of actually coming together to address the biggest threat to humanity in our history.

We were part of something new, something original, something pivotal and something imminent. Throughout the weekend, the urgency of ending our environmental negligence was the common theme and it was at the very heart of every discussion, workshop and lecture. On Saturday, we attended a series of panel discussions. Out of nearly sixty choices, we were only allotted time to hear three - a limitation many of our students lamented. Talks such as "Green Your Campus," "The Soul of Environmental

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Space Station Saved: Solar Array Repaired

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

As the space shuttle Discovery touched down in Cape Canaveral, Florida on Wednesday November 7, NASA leaders breathed a collective sigh of relief. The ship had returned from a fifteen-day mission to the International Space Station (ISS) that had included one of the most difficult spacewalks in history. Astronaut Scott Parazynski, a five-time shuttle veteran who is also a trained medical doctor and surgeon, performed one of his most delicate observations when he repaired a torn solar panel at the far end of a 115-foot array that gives power to the station. Parazynski installed several "homemade" devices, humorously termed "cufflinks" to make sure the solar panel tear would not eventually debilitate the entire array.

The shuttle's trip had other scares, and also other triumphs. Astronauts found that one of the rotary joints controlling the other solar array was filled with metal shavings, suggesting that gears are grinding against each other within the apparatus. NASA has planned to move this array as little as possible until the problem can be analyzed and a future shuttle team arrives to repair the damage and return the apparatus to working order.

Astronauts also oversaw the flawless addition of the school bus-sized Harmony module to the Station. Eventually, two labs - one from the EU and one from Japan - will be attached to the Harmony module. In addition, the crew attached handholds and other devices to the outside of Harmony.

The next shuttle ready for launch is Atlantis, which is scheduled to launch as early as December 6. In the meantime, the astronauts remaining on the International Space Station are scheduled to complete several, "very challenging spacewalks," according to NASA officials. Most of these spacewalks are designated for completing work that was originally intended for the Discovery crew, but which was postponed after the problems with the rotary joint and the solar panel were discovered.

In a ceremony in Houston on Thursday November 8, Shuttle Commander Nancy Melroy said, "We're so glad to see you. It's good to be home." Due to the historic nature of the repairs, the astronauts were given greater public adulation than a typical mission would ellicit. In the end, though, Parazynski summed up the crew's feelings by saying, "We did our job well, and we're proud of that."

Over 6,000 Students Attend PowerShift 2007 Movement

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the recent global warming documentary "The 11th Hour" to a crowded auditorium, students cheered for an onscreen Leonardo DiCaprio and David Suzuki. At the lobby day, when I and over fifty New York college students stood in the Hart office building next to the Capitol speaking to Senator Chuck Schumer's environmental aide, we could hear cries echoing through the vast, stately, silent corridors: "80 percent by 2050! 80 percent by 2050!"

What does this energy mean? It could be nothing but a focus group of fanatic activists pushing solutions that miss the political realities of the middle ground, as conservative commentator Pat Buchanan argued when appearing on Chris Matthew's Hardball on Monday. My one fear at the conference was that at times one could hear the ring of the echo chamber—we bolstered each other in rejecting compromise to support programs, like a coal moratorium, that are currently politically untenable. Could it be that our positions will seem fringe, so that other students will fail to step up and join the movement?

And there is also the fear that anything even active students can do would be too little, too late. This was only reinforced for me when the International Energy Agency released a climate change report on Wednesday, indicating that a rise in global temperatures of three degrees Celsius is essentially inevitable after 2012. Even if we have wider political support, could we swing the attitudes of a majority in Congress within two election cycles?

Thankfully, the other message of the conference was hope. The majority of the people at the conference expressed a sense of possibility, of a chance to turn our lifestyles in a new direction. Speakers compared this campaign to the civil rights movement. Bill McKibben perhaps summed it up best when he said that, after watching the national rallies of Step It Up that reached 80 Congressional leaders on global warming, and while looking out at a field house filled with students, for the first time in his twenty years of campaigning against global warming he had hope.

Major changes on the global warming issue have occurred in just the last three years, with bills to cut emissions emerging in Congress and public opinion worldwide swinging to support action. United States citizens joined those around the world recently when 77 percent stated they would support higher taxes on energy if those taxes were used only to fund development of alternative energy and energy efficiency, according to a PIPA/BBC poll conducted in May-July of this year. Support for strong action is out there, contrary to the naysayers. The challenge would then be bringing this drive for action to the fore.

For this reason, one of the skills taught in workshops at the conference was organizing. The 6,000 can become leaders in a new, powerful movement making big changes. Expect to hear more of the actions of PowerShift in the coming year, and especially stay alert for new environmental initiatives at Hamilton.

The travel to PowerShift 2007 was funded by the Environmental Studies department, Professor Gene Dormack, the President's Office, and Student Assembly.

The Scientist's Bookshelf

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

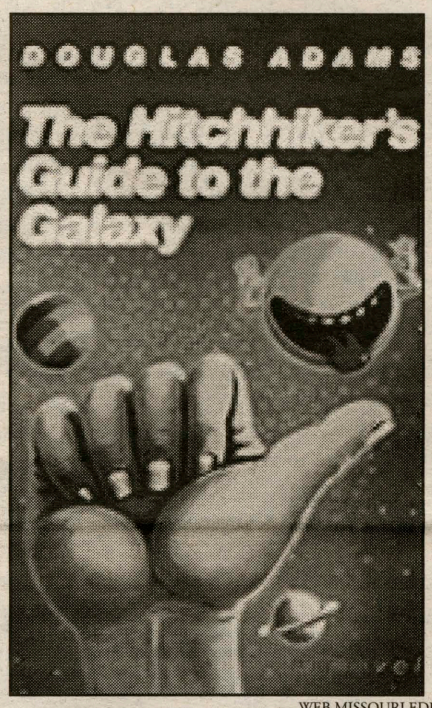
by Douglas Adams

by Kate Tummarello '11
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Rating: *(out of 5 beakers)*

For this week, I thought I'd delve into the world of science fiction. I know, the image that immediately jumps to my mind when the phrase "science fiction" is uttered is one of a "green bug-eyed monster." However, this is the stereotype Douglas Adams seeks to eliminate in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. While at first I had my doubts about a book classified as science fiction, I was pleasantly surprised by The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

The first thing that caught my attention was the way Adams writes. By the end of the preface, I had decided he was one of my new favorite authors. For those of you who have never read a work by Adams before, his style closely resembles that of Daniel Handler.



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The quirky cover of the book accuately portrays the book's psychedelic plot and style.

For those of you have never heard of Daniel Handler, that's totally reasonable. Daniel Handler wrote A Series of Unfortunate Events, a series I'm only slightly ashamed to have read and loved, under the pseudonym Lemony Snicket. Both Handler and Adams thrive on a condescending sort of sarcasm. On the first page, Adams criticizes our society's dependence on money for a happiness that money can never deliver. He explains the purpose of a bypass in laymen's terms so that even someone who had never seen or heard of a bypass could understand what he was talking about, despite the large probability that most, if not all, of his readers know what bypasses are.

Along with a grabbing style of writing, Adams gives his readers a taste of his incredible imagination. While the plot, which involves the destruction of Earth, an intergalactic police chase, and the question of life, is beyond anything I could ever fabricate, the detail is where Adams entrances his readers. The most noticeable example of his attention to details is the vocabulary in the book. New words include "hoopy," which means a really together guy, "frood," which means a really amazingly together guy, and "strag," which means a nonhitchhiker.

Though these words may have not yet caught on to a society as far behind as we are, one of the characters in the book is named Trillian. As an AIM hater and Trillian user, I jumped when I first saw her name. I hadn't realized the origin of the word or the influence this book has had on pop culture.

While I, along with everyone else in the universe, had heard of this book and its movie counterpart before I picked up this book, I had never read or watched either. Obviously the part about me reading it has changed, but now I feel the need to watch the movie, although I'm sure it's nowhere near as good as the book. I'm even contemplating listening to the original radio recordings and reading *The Restaurant at the End of the Universe*, which is Adams' next installment.

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~MARCUS AURELIUS

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Gordon Jones, Physics

THE FACTS:

Name: Gordon Jones
Department: Physics
Research Includes: Making scientific instruments for national research labs.

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Professor Jones poses with a coil in his lair (er, lab).

INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in a few words, what would they be?

Gordon Jones: Enthusiastic, Optimistic, and Daddy.

EL: What areas of physics most interest you and why?

GJ: I study neutrons, one of the particles that make up atoms. It is a fun area to work in because the techniques are accessible to students, but the results give us fundamental understanding of the way the universe works. In this field, each experiment is built from scratch for a single purpose, so I am constantly making new things.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach physics for a living?

GJ: I had a great time doing research as an undergraduate at a small liberal arts college. Throughout graduate school I thought that teaching was the only path for me. However, things changed when I got to my post-doc at a national lab. It was a pure research institution, as far from a liberal arts college as possible, and I surprised myself by really enjoying it. When I began my job search after the post-doc, I was torn between going on toward teaching or going back to research. I didn't know what to do, but it was clear to my wife. She said that there was a fire in my eyes when I came back from interviews at small colleges and at Hamilton in particular. She was right. I have loved it here.

I think that everyone can enrich their lives by understanding the world around them. It is rewarding to watch students become researchers, but it is just as rewarding to teach accountants and politicians to see the world in understandable terms. Cars, computers, and sunsets are even more beautiful when you understand how they work. I think that everyone can, and should, learn enough physics to appreciate how amazing our world really is.

EL: Why Hamilton?

GJ: Because I got extremely lucky. During my interview, members of the department were sharing each other's stories more like old friends than coworkers. There is a collegiality in the department that makes it fun to come to work. Now that I am here, I see that that the collegiality is just as strong in faculty-student relationships. I have a strong set of thesis students this year, making my research that much more enjoyable.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

GJ: I make a lot of mistakes when I lecture. That is hard not to notice. To make up for it, I give the class donuts if they catch enough mistakes.

EL: What is your favorite band/singer, ice cream flavor, book, and home-cooked meal?

GJ: There was a time when I would have said Billy Joel, The Who, and Tchaikovsky, but now I find myself humming Raffi, Bill Harley, and songs from "High School Musical." When my daughters grow up, will I get my own music again?

Chocolate almond ice cream. That was easy.

I am in a Rudyard Kipling/Terry Pratchet phase right now, but there will always be a special place in my heart for Dr. Suess, whose works I have memorized in the last six years.

My most memorable meals are due to people, not food, but the traditions involved in the Jones Thanksgiving meal are very special to me.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

GJ: I lecture as if I am having a discussion with one person. As in any conversation, what I say is determined by the comments, looks, and body language of my conversation partner. Because of this, office hours and labs really play to my strengths. The ideal college is a professor at one end of a log and a student at the other, and that is exactly what office hours are all about.

EL: What is your funniest/most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

GJ: When I was in elementary school, I wasn't a particularly fast runner. I decided that the problem was weight. How better to reduce weight than to cut off bunches of hair with scissors? In the end, I looked very silly, and I still couldn't run very fast.

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SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOV. 12:
Dr. Stephen Freeland, Department of Biologucal Sciences, University of Maryland
"The Cause and Consequence of Genetic Coding."
4:00 p.m. SCCT 2017
Refreshments will be served

MONDAY, NOV. 12:
Gary Knell, President and CEO of Sesame Workshop
"Muppet Diplomacy: How Sesame Street is Working to Change Our World"
4:15 p.m. The Chapel

MONDAY, NOV. 12:
Marca Bristo, President and CEO of Access Living
"Disability in the Post-ADA Era"
Presented by the Diversity and Social Justice Committee
7:30 Fillius Events Barn

Students Unite at PowerShift

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ism," "Civil Disobedience and its Role in the Environmental Movement," a talk with Ralph Nader, and many more were all attended by Hamilton Students.

Juniors Abby Carpen and Emily Goughary were at the heart of organizing the trip down to DC and found the whole experience invigorating. We were all inspired, particularly by the keynote speakers of Saturday night. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, author Bill McKibben and activist Van Jones each gave motivating speeches; all encouraged students to rise up and take action, as the government has chosen to turn a blind eye to climate change. All weekend, we were provided with the knowledge necessary to return to our campus communities and enact definite changes to reduce our carbon impact. President Stewart, who partially funded this trip down to PowerShift, has signed the President's Climate Commitment to tackle to issues of environmental degradation, and we are all eager to see some changes take place to reduce our carbon impact by 80 percent by 2050.

On Sunday, we attended workshops intended to enable us to succeed in our efforts through tutorials and discussions of various environmental issues. Some students went to a talk on converting to biodiesel fuel, while others went to workshops about greening up our campuses. I attended a workshop on integrating extreme adventure sports with the environmental movement and how to use journalism as a tool for social action. All over the campus, students came together to inspire environmental action.

We left on Sunday night, unable to attend the rallies on Monday, yet left three students to lobby Congress. Sophomores Devin Farkas, Liz Kessler, and Kye Lippold returned to campus invigorated by their experience on Capitol Hill. All who attended PowerShift are now imbued with the inspiration and information necessary to battle against climate change. Our personal interactions with fellow students, activists, and scholars reassured us in knowing that we are not alone in this task and that we have the capability to start the green revolution.

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Melissa Balding '09 and Laura Wright '10 use their chalk for the environmental cause at the 2007 PowerShift in Washington.

PROFESSOR PROFILE
Gordon Jones, Physics

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EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

GJ: I was involved in a number of practical joke wars. If I am any more specific, I might put ideas into people's heads.

EL: Other than the Science Center, where can students expect to see you on campus?

GJ: On Thursdays at noon I am usually with the Hamilton Juggling club outside Opus II.

EL: What are your current research interests, and how are students working with you?

GJ: My research involves making instruments, but these instruments usually require lots of different experimental techniques: lasers, electronics, computer analysis, computer control, etc. To make progress, the students have to learn a little about each of these techniques, but they don't have to be an expert in any of them. The students get a broad exposure in a short amount of time, (hopefully) without being overwhelmed. In addition, after students build their instruments, they bring them to national research labs to incorporate them into much larger experiments. The students can see how their piece is a necessary part of a much larger project.

EL: What is your fondest memory from your time at Hamilton?

GJ: I have many fond memories. I particularly enjoyed it when my collaborators accepted a student's proposal over the proposal a post doc had been working on for a year. Hamilton has some fantastic students. On the other hand, it is hard to beat the feeling when a struggling student finally "gets it," or when a student starts to see why I find physics so much fun.

Did You Know That?
Wacky Facts: Stressed? Don't Be!

by Tara Apo '10
Science & Technology Writer

The Effects of Stress:

- ***Stress can contribute to heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, and a weakened immune system.***
- ***Tranquilizers, antidepressants, and anti-anxiety medications account for one fourth of all prescriptions written in the U.S. each year.***
- ***Up to 75 percent of all time lost in the workplace is stress-related.***
- ***About a million people each day in the US are absent from work due to stress-related disorders.***
- ***Up to 90% of all visits to primary care physicians are for stress-related complaints.***

So What Can You Do?

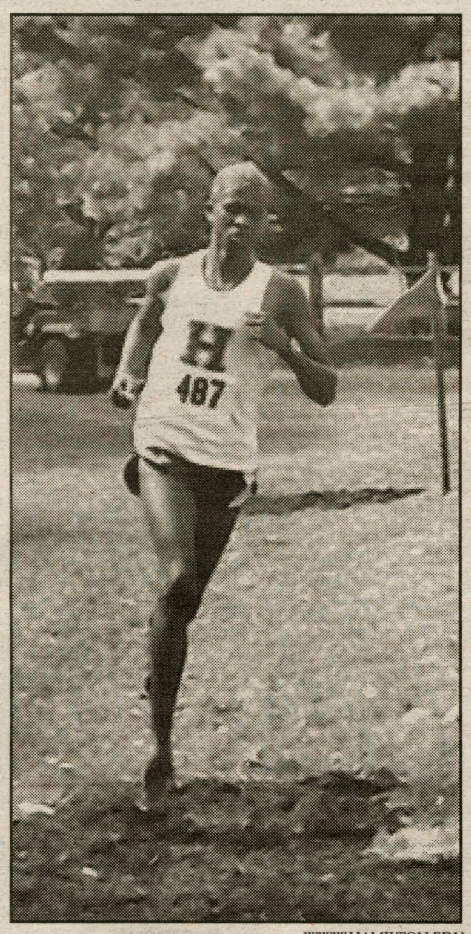
- ***Hit the gym. A lot of students say they don't have time to exercise, but exercising is one of the most effective stress relievers.***
- ***Get organized. Looking at your messy room and cluttered desk will only make you feel like you have even more to do, so straighten up a bit. Or avoid your room.***
- ***Take a short nap. If you have been up for hours studying and your vision starts to get blurry from too much reading, set your alarm for 20 minutes and rest up. It might give you the little boost in energy you need.***
- ***Use your iPod. Listen to your favorite song on blast, it will make you feel good and can pump you up for a good study sesh.***
- ***Take time for yourself. Make a little room in your life to do something you really enjoy, whether it be reading a good book or watching your favortite TV show.***
- ***Take a walk. If you are having a hard time concentrating, take a short break, clear your mind and come back ready to focus.***
- ***Use your iPod. Listen to your favorite song on blast, it will make you feel good and can pump you up for a good study sesh.***
- ***Just do it. Sometimes thinking about all the work you have to do is more stressful than actually doing it. So stop complaining, buckle down and get it done.***
- ***Remember, college is supposed to be fun!***

Cross Country Teams to Compete at NCAA Regionals

by Kate Greenough '09
Sports Writer

After an undefeated regular season and a state title, Peter Kosgei '10 is preparing to reclaim his NCAA Division III crown. At the New York State Collegiate Track Conference Championships (NYSCTC) in Saratoga Spa State Park, Kosgei shattered the course record, edging out nationally ranked competitors, and achieving a personal and seasonal best time.

Kosgei's time of 24 minutes and 50 seconds (averaging 5:00 minute miles) on the 8,000-meter course made him the first Hamilton men's champion in the race since Bruce Carter in 1975. St. Lawrence senior Joe Donohoe finished in second, a few seconds behind Kosgei. With five top-50 finishes, Hamilton showed that they could keep pace with some of the nation's best teams. The Continentals took fifth place out of 15 teams.



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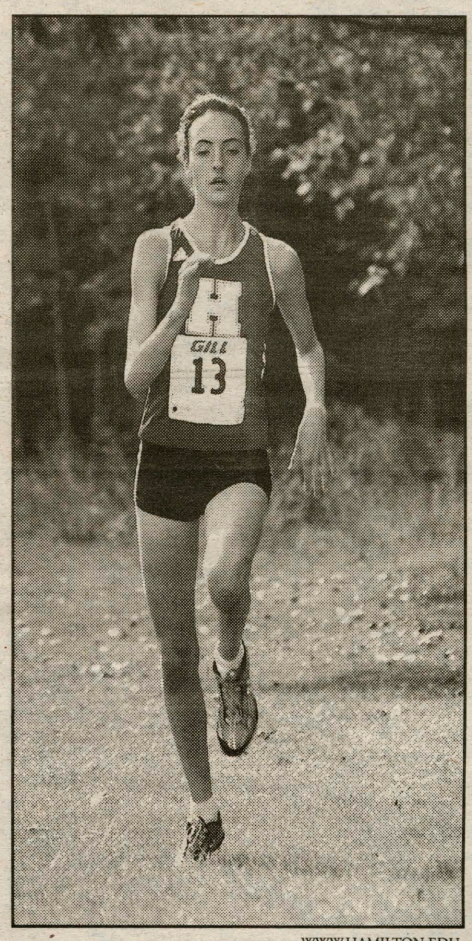
Peter Kosgei '10 races to first place.

A host of Hamilton runners made great strides in achieving personal bests while boosting Hamilton's overall score. Tri-captain Allan Guiney '08 landed thirty-seventh out of the 144 runners with a time of 26 minutes and 36 seconds. Only a second behind, Will Reid '10 finished in thirty-eighth place with a time of 26:37. Both Reid and Guiney tallied up personal records. Scott Bickard '11, a consistent top-five Hamilton finisher, took forty-sixth in the state meet with a finish in 26:54. The fifth Hamilton runner to cross the line was Keith Gross '09 coming only three spots behind Bickard with a time of 26:57.

SUNY Geneseo's teams took first place in both the men and women's competitions. Geneseo's women's team is ranked fourth in the nation, and the 5,000-meter course title went to Liz Montgomery '09, who finished in 16:57 at a 5:28 minute mile pace. Hamilton's 245 team points placed them tenth out of 16 teams in the competition, with six competitors finishing in the top 100.

Hamilton's own Meredith FitzPatrick '11 placed tenth overall, earning a spot on the all-state team. The top 21 runners in the meet earn state honors. Senior captain Becky Mackenzie, a former all-state team member, crossed the line with a time of 19:05, a season and personal best. The rest of the top five Hamilton finishers were rounded out by Chelsea Stone '10, Gen Flanders '09, and Katie Hails '10, with finishes in 19:42, 19:58, and 20:03, respectively.



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FitzPatrick '11 races to tenth place.

On Saturday, November 10, both the men and women's teams will travel to the NCAA Division III regional championships in Van Cortland Park in Manhattan. For many Continentals, it will be their final race wearing Hamilton colors. The encouragement, leadership, and contribution of the seniors have helped the teams see one of the best seasons in the past five years.

Senior captain and four-year team member Brad Vollkommer reflected, " Being on the cross country team will always be one of my fondest Hamilton memories, and the team has always been really close and enjoyable. It is especially rewarding to see how far we have taken the team over the four years and although the cross country season is over, the upperclassmen are looking forward to a strong indoor season."

Surprises Mark the NHL Season

Competition Hits the West, Ottawa Head of the East

by Andrew Harris '11
Sports Writer

The start of the NHL season came and went last month, with not much more than a mention by national sports networks or obligatory box score in the newspaper. All those missing out, however, have let an exciting first month of the season go to waste. This young campaign has been most noticeably marked by a number of teams surprisingly contending for their division's crown.

The most intriguing team to this point has been the Columbus Blue Jackets, who received no love in the preseason predictions. Coming off a horrible off-season in which the owners were forced to sell the team below market value and without making any notable off-season moves, the Blue Jackets were expected to be one of the worst teams in the West. Led by rejuvenated superstar Rick Nash, and no-name goalie Pascal Leclaire, the Jackets are second in their division with 18 points, and in good shape in the West.

While the team has jumped quickly out of the gate, only time will tell if this team will stand up to the other Western powers. Expected powerhouses San Jose and Anaheim have struggled so far, and cannot seem to find the form that propelled them to the Conference Semifinals and Stanley Cup, respectively. And although many don't think that Columbus' success will last, the Jackets can rely on their net-minder Leclaire, who leads the league in shutouts to this point.

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The NHL continues to fight to regain its loyal fan base.

The standings are not as interesting in the East, since there was not as much of a consensus on who the top teams were. While Ottawa is clearly the cream of the crop, they are being closely challenged by an unexpected team in their own division: The Montreal Canadiens.

Montreal was picked to stay towards the bottom of the conference this year, and maybe make a run a few years down the line. But strong play from ageless stars Saku Koivu and Alexi Kovalev have boosted hockey's all-time winningest team near the top of the Eastern standings. With a talented combo in goal of Cristobal Huet and young stud Carey Price, the Canadiens will look to continue their success.

Standing in the way of the Canadiens' hopes may be the entire Atlantic Division. A mere four points separate the entire division, and no team has been dominant. The Flyers have the lead now, but are not expected to hold onto it for very long. The New York Rangers, whom many thought would win the division, struggled out of the gate, but have recently recovered. Similarly, the talented Pittsburgh Penguins have excelled at times, but have been largely inconsistent.

Instant Replay?

General Managers Approve Plan

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

Does instant replay belong in baseball? MLB Commissioner Bud Selig will have to make a decision due to the interest expressed by many of the league's general managers. Selig has always been against it because he feels that the game takes too long as it is. Using replay would prolong the game and potentially cause long stoppage periods. Fans and players would both become restless while waiting for the umpires to go over potential game-changing decisions. Yet, Selig is now considered the minority in regards to his opinion on instant replay. It was quite surprising to see that 25 of the 30 general managers deemed instant replay a necessity to improve the game.

In the plan the main use of instant replay would be for home run calls. Cameras would be placed on the foul poles and along the outfield wall to give umpires a good view of balls that leave the yard. Fan interference could be judged from better angles giving road teams more equality. Many home fans routinely reach over the fence trying to give their team an advantage. The best example took place on October 9, 1996, when a Yankees fan put his glove below the home run padding and took the ball away from Baltimore Orioles outfielder Tony Tarasco, essentially turning the playoff series around in the Yankees favor. The umpire who called it a home run later said that he made the wrong call and that it should have been called fan interference.

The second area where instant replay could be of use is considering whether a ball goes over the fence or hits on top of the padding of the outfield wall. This is becoming a growing issue in baseball as many teams feel like they are getting the short end of the calls.

The Colorado Rockies were the latest team to see a call go the other way during their play-in game against the San Diego Padres. Garrett Atkins hit a ball that appeared to be a home run late in the game, but the umpires called it a double. Despite winning the game, Colorado made an issue of the call.

Instant replay for the use of home run decisions is a good thing for baseball. There are other ways that baseball can eliminate the length of the game to make up for the potential time that will be required to get calls right. Football, basketball, and hockey all use it effectively so why can't baseball?

Men's Soccer Heads to New Jersey for NCAA Tournament

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

Although they faltered briefly towards the end of their regular season, the Hamilton Men's Soccer Team has once again rocketed straight to the top in the post-season. After winning the Liberty League Championship Tournament, they earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament and will play NYU tomorrow night.

The team played third-seeded Union in the first round of the Liberty League Championship Tournament on November 2. Hamilton out-shot Union 14-8, but the score was still tied at zero at halftime. Union star Tripp Pietrak '08 scored his thirteenth goal of the season a little over five minutes into the second half. Marcus Dormanen '10 answered with his first goal of the season: a header assisted by Paul Moakler '10.

Then, with only 6:30 remaing, Topher Breedlove '08 assisted John Marchessault '11 on yet another header. With Hamilton up 2-1 in the final seconds of the game, Anthony Carello '09 saved a shot to clinch the first round win.

The Continentals advanced to the championship game on November 3 against the host team St. Lawrence, who had beaten Hobart the day before. Carello started in goal again, making seven saves and capturing his third shutout of the season.

Despite St. Lawrence's decisive 21-11 shot advantage, Breedlove's unassisted first-half goal was enough to get the win. It was Hamilton's second Liberty League Championship Tournament title. St. Lawrence had won all four of the other titles, and hadn't lost in their previous eleven tournament games.

Hamilton had the distinctive honor of earning all three Liberty League weekly performer awards on November 5. Breedlove was named Offensive Performer of the Week; Carello was named Defensive Performer of the Week; and Marchessault was named Rookie Performer of the Week.

As a result of their tournament victory, Hamilton earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. This weekend's game will mark the Continentals' third appearance in the tournament in four years, and the fourth in the history of the program. After the win against St. Lawrence, Head Coach Perry Nizzi is just three wins short of his hundredth career win, which is a major coaching accomplishment.

The first round of the tournament will be hosted by New York University and held at New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, N.J. New Jersey City University will take on Castleton State College tomorrow night at 6 p.m. NYU and Hamilton will face off afterwards. The two winners of those games advance to play on Sunday at 7 p.m.

Both NYU and New Jersey City University were awarded at-large bids, while Hamilton and Castleton State earned their bids by winning their respective conference tournaments. NYU is a member of the University Athletic Conference. The Bobcats are 13-4-1 for the season, and had a fourth place 4-3-0 conference finish. This game will mark only their second appearance in the NCAA Tournament. They were an offensive machine during the regular season as they scored 43 goals coming from a variety of different players.

Be sure to wish your Continentals good luck as they head to New Jersey this weekend!

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Maxwell Akuamoah-Boateng '09 hopes to lead Hamilton further in the NCAA Tournament.

Football Team Looks for Best Winning Season in 10 Years

Controlling the Turnover Margin Will Help Bring About Success

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The Continentals will look to finish the football season on a strong note with the best record in the last ten years. However, they are coming off of a disappointing 28-0 loss to Middlebury College last weekend. Hamilton ended its first drive with a blocked field goal. The offense was able to put up some good numbers in their balanced attack. Dan Hood '08 contributed with over 200 yards in the air and 32 yards on the ground. Yet, he never was able to establish a rhythm against the opposing team and ended up throwing five interceptions.

Scott Kleinklaus '11 caught six balls for a total of 65 yards giving him 242 receiving yards on the season. Mark Snickenberger '11 averaged 2.6 yards per carry to lead the Continentals with 55 yards rushing. His biggest gain came on an 18 yard run from the line of scrimmage.

Defensively, the team played better than the final score indicated. They allowed only 292 total yards and prevented Middlebury from scoring off four of the interceptions. Middlebury had good field position in three of their scoring drives, making it hard for the Continentals to do much to stop them. Claudius Zorokong '08 captured his first interception of the season and Harry Jung '10 forced a fumble that was recovered by Kleinklaus. John Lawrence '10 and Matt Pitarresi '08 continued to get to the ball and had nine and eight tackles, respectively.

On Saturday, Hamilton will host Bates College. Bates has not won a game yet this season and hopefully this streak will continue. They have been struggling on both sides of the ball and have been outscored by an average of 15 points a game. On offense they have used the run to set up their passing attack. With an average of three yards per carry, Bates has accumulated 697 rushing yards this season.

Therefore, in order for the Continentals to have a good shot in this game, they will have to be willing to remain patient and plug up the holes. Bates has struggled passing the ball and it is important to get them into long yard second and third down situations.

Hamilton can achieve success on the offense if they can get rolling quickly in the passing game. Bates has a tendency to get behind early in games and has had trouble getting back into the flow of the game once they have been scored upon. Hood will have to limit his turnovers and be more efficient like he has been for the majority of the season. Once the passing attack has begun, Hamilton can work on controlling the clock with running plays and short passes just to keep the defense on its toes.

This game should give the Continentals their best opportunity to win for the third time this season.

Come out and support the Continentals as they finish out their historic season at 12 p.m. tomorrow on Steuben Field!

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The defense will look to stop Bates' rushing attack and pace the Continentals to victory. The linebackers will look to plug up the holes and force pressure on the QB.

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Women's Soccer Hosts NCAA Tournament First Round

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Anne Graveley '11 puts the pressure on the opposing defense.

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NCAA Tournament: here we come! The Women's Soccer Team earned a berth into the tournament by winning 14 of their 15 games during the season. Last week, the team enjoyed individual and team success. Head Coach Colette Gilligan was named the Liberty League Coach of the Year after the team completed their best regular season in school history. The team was set to play in the Liberty League Championship Tournament over the weekend.

The first game came against a strong opponent in Union college. Hamilton overcame some adversity to steal the game away from their nationally ranked foe. Caitlin McGilley '08 was sensational as she blocked 12 shots and shut down Union in the second half. Erica Dressler '09 played up to her All Liberty League-First Team selection success by leading the team with two points in the victory. She showed her leg strength with her long distance goal, which tied the game at one right before the half.

The Continentals came out running in the second half and quickly capitalized on one of their few great opportunities. Anne Gaveley '11 headed in her eighth goal of the season off a kick from Dressler for the game-winning goal. Hamilton was able to withstand being out-shot by a significant amount to advance to the tournament final with a 2-1 victory.

In the Liberty League Championship game, the Lady Continentals couldn't last long enough against nationally ranked William Smith College. They ended up losing by one goal that came very late in the second half. Goaltending continued to be a strength for the team as McGilley stopped 10 shots. However, Hamilton couldn't get enough shots on goal and ended up being out-shot 17-7. This game marked the first loss of the season, but it did not take away from the great success the team had experienced.

McGilley turned in two of her best games and was rewarded by the Liberty League for her effort. She was named Co-Defensive Performer of the Week, marking the third time she has collected the honor this year. Her goaltending kept the Continentals alive, and she ranks among the best in the league in save efficiency.

The NCAA Tournament Selection Committee decided that Hamilton had done enough during the regular season to deserve a spot in the tournament. Not only did the team earn a berth, but they also were given the privilege of hosting the first and second rounds at Love Field. Technically they will be considered the top seed in these rounds and they were given an easy path to the Sweet 16.

On November 10, Moravian College will try to take on the Continentals. However, they lost five games during the regular season and failed to win their conference tournament. Moravian comes from the Landmark Conference and will be in the tournament for only their second time in their school's history. Hamilton should be able to get by this team with ease. The Continentals scored seven more goals and allowed eight less goals than their opponent during the season.

Moravian has had to rely upon its underclassmen to lead them so far this year, and it might be too much for them to handle. For the Continentals, it will be important to get going offensively. They can't rely on their strong defense to continue to carry them because, as was seen in the last game, all it takes is one shot to decide a victory. The team was at its best when they were scoring at will against their opponents. The other game is Emmanuel College and Tufts University. Tufts earned an at-large berth, while Emmanuel captured their conference tournament championship to get into the NCAA Tournament.

Come out and support the Lady Continentals this weekend as they hope to advance further into the NCAA Tournament. They will play on Saturday at 11 a.m. in their first round matchup. If they win they will take on the winner of the Tufts/Emmanuel game in the second round on Sunday at 1 pm with the Sweet 16 spot on the line.

Niagara Falls: HCRFC Exiles State Champions

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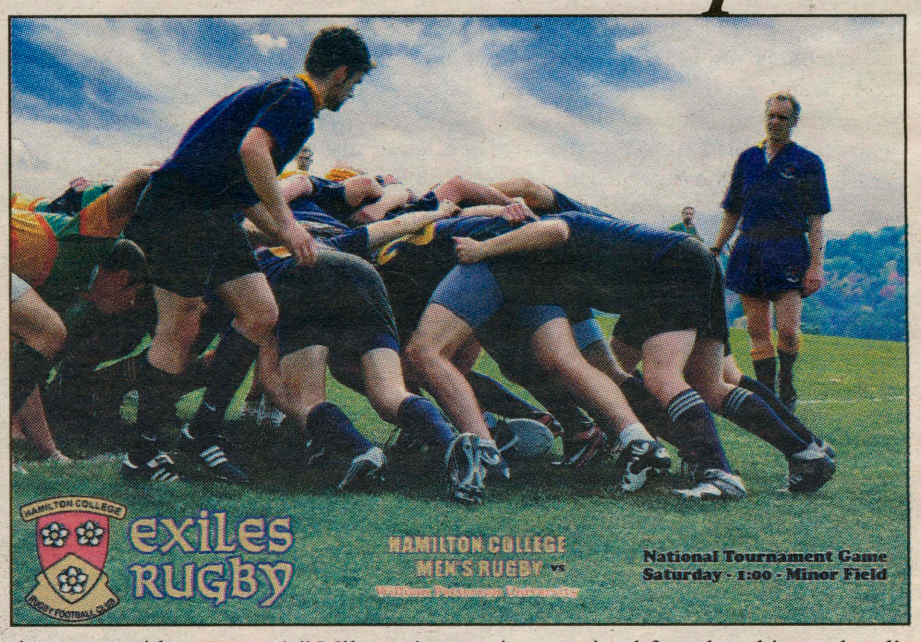
Saturday November 3 was just another day at the office for the Hamilton College Rugby Football Club. While the game was anything other than ordinary, the Exiles took care of business, defeating the Purple Eagles from Niagara University 18-0. The victory clinched their second straight New York State Championship. The Exiles will take on William Patterson University from New Jersey for the Regional Title at 1p.m. on Saturday November 10 on Minor Field.

Captain Steve Rowe '09 characterized Saturday's game as "exciting," explaining, "We all knew that this would be the hardest team we faced all year, and that this is the game that meant the most. Coming off of last year's narrow win against Niagara in the 2006 State Championship game, we all knew that they would be looking for revenge. This was the game we had been building towards the entire season, and we were determined to win. During the game, we played with heart and intensity as we always do."

Captain Jon Milgrom '08 added, "That was far and away the most emotionally charged game of rugby I've ever been a part of. Niagara is our fiercest rival. The game was intense but our team was confident throughout. Even after they almost scored early in the first half we kept our composure. Bodies were flying and the energy level was high. It was a battle throughout out there."

As Milgrom stated, the Purple Eagles came close to scoring, but never succeeded, continuing the Exiles' perfect streak of games in which no tries have been allowed. Rowe credited the Exiles defense for their exceptional work on Saturday, "Our defense was great as always. Ashbell Wall ['09], Calvin Johnson ['10], and Matt Gordon['09] were especially critical in stopping Niagara from scoring trys, all three of them making tackles 5 meters away from our try zone. Jon-Jon [Milgrom] played an amazing defensive game - he completely neutralized their best player."



As always, the captains had nothing but praise for the incredible hard work and dedication that the Exiles have displayed this season. Asked what animal the Exiles would be, both captains paid tribute to the team with their decisive answers. Rowe's answer of "Too Easy. We'd be a clan of meerkats," spoke to the team's teamwork and dedication, as he explained, "Meerkats are very social creatures, regularly grooming each other to strengthen bonds. As well, they are known to burrow with other animals (just as the Exiles are known to 'social' with many different organizations on campus)." Milgrom's assertion, "We would almost certainly be a wolverine," spoke to the team's drive and work ethic, "we aren't the biggest predator, but, we're smart, we have a well balanced attack, a strong defense, and a ferocious bite."

The captains also had great things to say about the turn out for Saturday's game. "Absolutely incredible," praised Rowe. "We've always had a core group of committed fans, but this weekend's turnout was amazing. Playing in front of that many cheering fans was a rush. It energized the entire team, and gave us even more determination to beat Niagara on our home pitch." Milgrom added, "Any true Hamilton Superfans will head to the Women's Soccer game at 11 and then truck on over to Minor Field and watch us annihilate William Patterson at 1p.m."